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          MR. NEUMER: As a preliminary matter, I am
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     providing the following information. An
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     independent certified court reporter is present
     today to provide a verbatim transcript of this
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     interview.
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                To aid in the accuracy of the
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     transcript, it is the custom and practice of
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     court reporters to audio record the interview.
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     The recording is the confidential work product
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     property of the court reporter and will not be
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     provided to any party including the OIG. If you
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    request, the audio recording will be
     discontinued.
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                So, Detective March, are you okay
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     with the court reporter audio recording this
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     interview?
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          THE WITNESS: Yes.
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          MR. NEUMER: Let the record reflect that
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     today's date is July 25th, 2016. The time is
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     9:59 am. We are located at Amicus Court
     Reporters, 300 West Adams, Suite 800.
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                My name is Peter Neumer, the court
     reporter is Michelle Yohler, and I'd ask that
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     the other individuals present identify
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     themselves and spell their name for the record.
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          MS. WITZBURG: Assistant Inspector General,
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     Deborah Witzburg, D-e-b-o-r-a-h W-i-t-z-b-u-r-g.
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          MR. McKAY: James P. McKay, Jr. Last name
     is spelled M-c-K-a-y. I'm an attorney, and I
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     represent Detective David March.
          THE WITNESS: Detective David March. Last
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     name is spelled M-a-r-c-h.
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          MR. NEUMER: Detective March, I'm now going
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     to hand you a form that's Advisements of Rights.
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     This has been marked previously as Exhibit 1.
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     This Advisement of Rights form has already been
     filled in with your name, my name, my colleague
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     Deborah Witzburg's name.
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                I'm going to ask you to read along
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     with me as I go through this form, and I'm going
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     to ask you to acknowledge after each paragraph
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     that you've read the paragraph.
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                (WHEREUPON, a certain document was marked
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                March Deposition Exhibit No. 1, for
                identification, as of 07/25/2016.)
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          MR. McKAY: Peter, before we begin, can I
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     put something on the record?
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          MR. NEUMER: For sure.
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          MR. McKAY: Peter, recently my client,
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     Detective March, was notified of this appearance
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     here this morning. The Notification of
     Interview describes Detective March as an
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     accused. The appearance suggests that Detective
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     David March's false statements concerning the
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     McDonald shooting and a review and approval of
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     reports containing false statements.
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                The Notification of Allegations list
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     four allegations premised on John Escalante's
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     letter to the Inspector General dated
     January 13, 2016. John Escalante's letter
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    references a memo drafted by Sergeant Soria,
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     S-o-r-i-a. That memo was dated on or about
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     July 17, 2015.
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                The allegations include, number one,
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     that Detective March reviewed and approved an
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     Original Case Incident Report prepared by
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    Officer Dora Fontaine and that report falsely
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     stated that Officer Jason Van Dyke was, quote,
     injured by offender.
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                Secondly, that Detective March is
     accused of assisting in the drafting of the
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     report I just mentioned.
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1	Three, that Detective March made a
2	false statement to Investigator Earl Briggs of
3	the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office when,
4	with respect to the shooting, Officer Briggs'
5	report indicates that McDonald lunged at Chicago
6	police officers.
7	And the fourth allegation is that
8	Detective March is incompetent in the
9	performance of his duties in the ways enumerated
LO	by allegations one through three.
L1	Mr. Neumer, I'm asking you do you
L2	believe these new allegations indicate a
L3	criminal prosecution is probable against
L4	Detective March?
L5	MR. NEUMER: OIG is conducting an
L6	administrative investigation. OIG is not
L7	conducting a joint investigation and is not
L8	working with any other law enforcement agency
L9	with respect to this investigation.
20	MR. McKAY: Thank you. I would ask,
21	however, that you advise Detective March of his
22	Constitutional rights pursuant to Miranda versus
23	Arizona.
24	It's unclear whether a criminal

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     investigation is going to take place and, if so,
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     who will be doing that. A special prosecutor
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     has yet to be named regarding any of the police
     officers not named Jason Van Dyke in this
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     particular case. So, with that said, I ask that
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    you advise Detective March of his Constitutional
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     rights pursuant to Miranda versus Arizona.
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          MR. NEUMER: The outcome of this
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     administrative investigation relates to the
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     subject's employment and, therefore, under the
     CBA and General Order, the administrative rights
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     OIG will be providing Detective March are
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     appropriate.
          MR. McKAY: Consistent with Detective
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     March's last statement, indeed, Detective March
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     was here for two days on April 26th and 27th of
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     this year. His statement spanned what I
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     estimate to be almost 12 hours.
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                Mr. Neumer, you were here, the court
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     reporter Michelle Paoletti Yohler was here,
     Investigator Kris Brown was here, myself, and
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     Detective March were here.
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                At that time I had asked whether
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     Mr. William Marback's letter to the Chicago
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     Police Department command staff dated on
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     January 4, 2016, requesting a number of items be
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     provided to the Office of Inspector General, and
     at that time no answer was given regarding these
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     items that were requested, which include 25
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     separate things.
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                I ask you today, Mr. Neumer, are you
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     going to be using any items the Office of
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     Inspector General has received since
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     Mr. Marback's letter of January 4th, 2016, and
     any subsequent letters issued by either
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     Mr. Marback, you, or any other agent of the
     Inspector General and Detective March's
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     statement here today?
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          MR. NEUMER: So the question is, are we
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     going to be using any documents we received
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     since what date was it?
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          MR. McKAY: January 4, 2016.
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          MR. NEUMER: It's possible. For certain we
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     will be putting in front of Detective March
     the two exhibits or documents that we provided
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     as part of the Notice of Interview packet.
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                So that will be the Medical Examiner
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     Investigation Case Report ME 2014-01071, and
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1 then the Original Case Incident Report with the 2 event number 1429315878. 3 So those are the two documents that we will be certainly showing Detective March 4 5 today. MR. McKAY: We acknowledge receipt of those 6 7 two documents, Peter, when you forwarded them to me late last week. Thank you. 8 9 My question now is, in addition to 10 these two documents, do you intend to use or is it possible you could use any other documents at 11 12 this statement today besides these two reports? MR. NEUMER: It is possible. 13 14 MR. McKAY: What are they? 15 MR. NEUMER: When we come to appropriate 16 points in the interview, if documents are 17 necessary, we'll certainly give you and 18 Detective March time to review those documents. 19 But, again, we don't know what we will or won't 20 need to show. MR. McKAY: Okay. Late last week when you 21 advised me of this second interview of Detective 22 March and provided me the two reports we have 23 24 just talked about, I had sent you a request for

1 discovery, essentially where I was asking for 2 you or your office to provide me with any 3 statements of any witnesses that indicate that Detective March was asked to review and approve 4 5 Officer Fontaine's report that you have 6 provided. 7 Do you have any statements that you can provide me and Detective March here this 8 9 morning from other witnesses about 10 Officer Fontaine's report? 11 MR. NEUMER: So our office has provided Detective March with all the documents required 12 by the CBA and applicable law. 13 MR. McKAY: Secondly, I asked you in 14 writing and I ask you again today on the record, 15 16 can you provide me and Detective March with any 17 rule or General Order from the police department or any other agency that indicates that a 18 19 detective is supposed to review and approve or 20 disapprove of a report prepared by a district police officer? 21 MR. NEUMER: Again, our office has provided 22 Detective March with all the documents required 23 24 by the CBA and applicable law.

1	MR. McKAY: Thank you. Can you provide me
2	with any sworn testimony of Cook County Medical
3	Examiner's Office Investigator Earl Briggs?
4	MR. NEUMER: Again, our office has provided
5	Detective March with all the documents
6	provided required by the CBA.
7	MR. McKAY: Can you tell me if Investigator
8	Earl Briggs has given a statement to the Office
9	of Inspector General?
10	MR. NEUMER: Again, OIG has provided
11	Detective March with all the documents and
12	information required by the CBA.
13	MR. McKAY: Can you tell me whether
14	Investigator Briggs has not given a statement to
15	the Office of Inspector General?
16	MR. NEUMER: Again, we've provided
17	Detective March with all the documents and
18	information required by the CBA.
19	MR. McKAY: Thank you. Mr. Neumer, can you
20	tell me strike that.
21	Can you provide to me and Detective
22	March any statements, notes, internal
23	memorandum, or any other documents generated by
24	Investigator Earl Briggs of the Cook County

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     Medical Examiner's Office besides the report
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     that you gave to me and Detective March late
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     last week?
          MR. NEUMER: OIG has provided Detective
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     March with all the documents required by the
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     CBA.
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          MR. McKAY: Can you tell me -- because I
     can't read it, frankly -- who Earl Briggs'
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     supervisor was, a signature of which is
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     contained on Page 4 of this four-page report you
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     gave to us late last week? Can you tell us who
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     Mr. Briggs' supervisor is?
          MR. NEUMER: Again, in terms of documents
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     and information, we've provided Detective March
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     with all the documents and information required
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     by the CBA.
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          MR. McKAY: And this is one document you
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     have provided.
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          MR. NEUMER: Mm-hm. Yes.
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          MR. McKAY: My question is, who is this
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     person, a signature of which appears above the
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     supervisor line on Page 4? Who is that? For my
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    purpose, for my curiosity as well as Detective
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     March's right to know who his accusers may be,
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     who is this person? I can't read that
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     signature. Can you?
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          MR. NEUMER: Again, we've provided
     Detective March with all the documents and
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     information required by --
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          MR. McKAY: That doesn't answer my
     question, Peter. Who is the supervisor?
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          MR. NEUMER: Right. I mean, the document
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     speaks for itself. And, beyond that, we've
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     provided all the -- Detective March all the
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     documents and information required under the
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     CBA.
          MR. McKAY: Are you relying on this
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     document for your interview of Detective March
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     today?
          MR. NEUMER: We will be providing this --
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     we already provided this document to Detective
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     March, and we will be asking him questions
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     regarding this document today.
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          MR. McKAY: So you will be relying on this
     document?
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          MR. NEUMER: I mean, relying on -- I know
    we will be asking questions about the Medical
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     Examiner's Case Report today.
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1 MR. McKAY: Well, my question is this then, 2 Peter: If you're going to be asking questions 3 about this document, yet you refuse to identify the supervisor of Investigator Briggs, whose 4 name appears in this document, I ask that you 5 not ask Detective March anything about this 6 document if you cannot identify signatures on 7 this document above and beyond Mr. Briggs'. 8 That's fair, don't you agree? 9 10 MR. NEUMER: We're going to be asking Detective March questions about his knowledge of 11 this document and what he knows. We're not 12 going to be asking him to speculate about 13 anything beyond the document, so our questions 14 are going to be eminently fair today. 15 MR. McKAY: Well, if it is clear to you, 16 17 Ms. Witzburg, or anybody in the Inspector 18 General's Office that there are errors contained 19 in Investigator Briggs' report, which you have 20 tendered, will you or have you or will anybody in your office report to Patrick Blanchard, the 21 Inspector General of Cook County, that the 22 people who generated this report need to be 23 24 investigated for incompetence?

1 MR. NEUMER: If we uncover facts that 2 determine a notification is appropriate, 3 certainly we would take appropriate action. MR. McKAY: All right. Fair enough. Can 4 you provide me with the names of the 5 complainants besides John Escalante and Sergeant 6 Soria and their affidavits, assuming they're 7 civilians and not sworn police officers, that 8 9 provide a basis for these new allegations. 10 MR. NEUMER: The Notification of Allegations that OIG provided to Detective March 11 12 fully complies with the CBA and speaks for itself. 13 MR. McKAY: Well, if you are basing these 14 new allegations on Mr. John Escalante's letter 15 16 of January 13th, 2016, and Sergeant Soria's memo of July 15th, 2015, clearly John Escalante's 17 18 letter suggests that the investigation he's 19 asking your office to conduct be consistent with 20 the Collective Bargaining Agreement, General Orders, and I submit consistent with Illinois 21 22 State Law. 23 Illinois State Law clearly mandates that if there is a complainant who is not a 24

1 sworn officer alleging some misconduct on behalf 2 of any police officer -- in this case, Detective 3 March -- that complainant's allegations be supported by affidavit. 4 You have no affidavit to provide me 5 and Detective March today; is that correct? 6 MR. NEUMER: Again, the Notification of 7 Allegations speaks for itself and we believe 8 9 fully complies with the CBA and applicable law. 10 MR. McKAY: Your allegations one through -- strike that -- one and two suggesting 11 that David March has some type of duty to either 12 review and approve Dora Fontaine's report or 13 14 that he actually assisted her in preparing this report, I submit to you, John Escalante would 15 16 know that that is absolutely not true. 17 So if you are alleging numbers one 18 and two allegations based on John Escalante's 19 letter, I would submit to you that is absolutely 20 inconsistent with John Escalante's knowledge of Chicago Police Department procedure, 21 22 report-writing, and who approves a district police officer's report. 23 2.4 Since I believe in good faith John

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     Escalante would not allege these things, can you
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     tell me who is?
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          MR. NEUMER: Again, OIG's position is that
     the Notice of Allegations complies fully with
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     the CBA and it speaks for itself.
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          MR. McKAY: I would submit to you then,
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    Mr. Neumer, in all due respect to you and
     Ms. Witzburg, that without some affidavit of
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     some civilian complainant alleging this stuff, I
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     believe in good faith that it is none other than
     Mr. Ferguson and your office that is alleging
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     these things without a good faith basis.
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     Joseph Ferguson and his office investigating his
     own allegations, and I request again, as we did
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     back in April, that Mr. Ferguson and his office
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     recuse themselves from his investigation
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    because, two reasons: One, it is wrong for him
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     to investigate his own allegations. That's not
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     fair.
                Secondly, we ask that Mr. Ferguson
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     and his office, with all due respect to the both
     of you, that he recuse himself from this
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     investigation because he's prejudice against
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1	Detective March because of his presence on the
2	Police Accountability Task Force and the report
3	that that task force submitted before they heard
4	one sworn word from Detective March in April in
5	that that report suggests certain findings of
6	the Laquan McDonald shooting that are completely
7	inconsistent with what Detective March told you
8	and Kris Brown on April 26th and April 27th.
9	And Mr. Ferguson should recuse
10	himself and his agents from any further
11	investigation of this shooting because of that
12	report he put his name on along with the
13	chairperson of the police board, Lori Lightfoot.
14	So will you recuse yourselves and
15	Mr. Ferguson from this investigation today?
16	MR. NEUMER: OIG is not going to recuse
17	itself from this investigation, and OIG's
18	position is that it can and is conducting a fair
19	and impartial investigation.
20	MR. McKAY: As you know, Mr. Neumer, two
21	grievances have been filed in this particular
22	case, one by Chicago FOP. In fact, that
23	grievance had been filed before Detective March
24	gave you sworn testimony on April 26th and

April 27th. Since then, a second grievance has 1 2 been filed, indeed, by Detective March. 3 We're objecting to this investigation continuing with those grievances still pending. 4 No arbitrator has ruled on those grievances, and 5 the Inspector General has not agreed to continue 6 this investigation until an arbitrator has ruled 7 8 on them. 9 Will you, on behalf of Mr. Ferguson, 10 stop this investigation and wait for the 11 arbitrator to rule on these two grievances? 12 MR. NEUMER: OIG is not aware of any court order enjoining Detective March's interview and, 13 therefore, having provided the appropriate 14 Notice of Interview, OIG will proceed with the 15 interview. 16 17 MR. McKAY: Okay. Of the two reports that you have provided in discovery to Detective 18 19 March and myself, you have indicated one is 20 Investigator Earl Briggs' Medical Examiner Investigations Case Report. 21 22 I would like to ask you, Mr. Neumer, when did you or your office receive Investigator 23 24 Briggs' report?

1 MR. NEUMER: Again, OIG has provided 2 Detective March with all the documents and 3 information required by the CBA, and, beyond that, we have a duty of confidentiality. 4 MR. McKAY: Well, the reason I ask the 5 question is because Detective March was here for 6 one full day and half of a second day. If you 7 did have this report then, Mr. Neumer, why 8 9 didn't you ask Detective March about 10 Investigator Briggs' report then? MR. NEUMER: I guess I'll just say we're 11 here today and we have relevant questions to ask 12 today pertaining to our investigation. 13 MR. McKAY: Well, I appreciate that, but, 14 Peter, if they're relevant questions today --15 16 and, further, if you had this report back then 17 in April, weren't they relevant in April and, if so, why didn't you ask Detective March when you 18 19 had him for almost two full days in April about 20 this report? MR. NEUMER: We can't -- our office can't 21 22 provide details regarding timing. I understand your question and, again, we try and ask all 23 24 relevant questions as soon as we can.

MR. McKAY: Well, I think timing is 1 relevant. I think out of fundamental fairness 2 3 of the accused -- and you have accused Detective March, let's make no mistake about that -- out 4 of fundamental fairness, I think timing is 5 6 relevant. And if you had this information and 7 he was here and cooperated and gave sworn 8 9 testimony, why didn't you and Mr. Brown ask him 10 about Investigator Briggs' report then? 11 MR. NEUMER: Again, we're going to ask 12 questions today. MR. McKAY: I do know, sir, that regarding 13 Dora Fontaine's report, you did have it in 14 April. Indeed, you marked it as your Exhibit 15 16 Number 18. For some reason, you chose not to 17 use it, but you did mark it as Exhibit 18. 18 And I would ask you, Mr. Neumer, why 19 didn't you ask Detective March about Officer 20 Dora Fontaine's report on April 26th or April 27th of this year? 21 MR. NEUMER: And I think, as I said in the 22 transcript during that interview, we try and ask 23 24 all relevant questions, we try and be thorough,

1 and we do our best. 2 MR. McKAY: The Advisement of Rights form 3 that you have just provided, is this the exact same form that you provided to Detective March 4 on April 26th of this year? 5 MR. NEUMER: It should be. 6 MR. McKAY: Well, I am advising Detective 7 March to refuse to answer your questions today 8 9 on July 25th, 2016, without a direct order by 10 one of his superior officers. 11 Short of a direct order, I believe Detective March is certainly within his rights, 12 both the rights under the collective bargaining 13 agreement, Illinois State Law, and his 14 Constitution rights not to answer your 15 16 questions. 17 Is there going to be a direct order 18 from some superior officer directing Detective 19 March to answer these questions? 20 MR. NEUMER: Yes, I will contact Commander Klimas right now and have him provide Detective 21 22 March a direct order. MR. McKAY: Can you spell Commander Klimas' 23 24 name for the court reporter.

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          MR. NEUMER: Sure. It is Robert
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    R-o-b-e-r-t, Klimas K-l-i-m-a-s.
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          MR. McKAY: Thank you.
                       (PHONE RINGING)
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          COMMANDER KLIMAS: Bob Klimas.
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          MR. NEUMER: Bob, this is Peter Neumer. We
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     are currently in a court-reported interview of
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     Detective David March. His counsel Jim McKay is
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     here. My colleague Deborah Witzburg is here.
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                And OIG having provided appropriate
     notice to Detective March of this interview is
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     attempting to ask Detective March questions
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     regarding the Laquan McDonald shooting. He is
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     refusing to answer questions absent a command
     from his superior officer, so I'm asking you,
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     Commander Klimas, to order Detective March to
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     answer the OIG's questions.
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          COMMANDER KLIMAS: This is Commander Robert
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     Klimas, K-l-i-m-a-s, with the Chicago Police
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     Department Bureau of Internal Affairs.
                Detective March, I'm giving you a
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     direct order to answer all the questions posed
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     to you today by Peter Neumer or his designees
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     from the Office of Inspector General, City of
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1 Chicago. 2 Do you understand? 3 THE WITNESS: Yes. COMMANDER KLIMAS: Thank you very much. 4 MR. NEUMER: Thanks, Bob. 5 MR. McKAY: Thank you. 6 7 I'd like to put one more thing on the record. Peter, last time you and I talked by 8 9 telephone, actually it was late last week, 10 Detective March originally had been notified to appear on this past Saturday night at 9:00 p.m. 11 12 You had advised me that the date and time for Detective March's second statement was 13 because OIG is required to notify the officer 14 when he is on duty. You were kind enough to 15 16 continue the statement from Saturday night to 17 this morning, pursuant to my request, actually, 18 and I appreciate that. Thank you. 19 You also advised me that Detective 20 March's statement, whenever it was going to be continued to, needed to be completed by the end 21 of business hours tomorrow on July 26th. I 22 asked you then why that is the case and I ask 23 24 you again today why is it that Detective March's

1 second sworn statement needs to be today or 2 tomorrow at the latest? 3 MR. NEUMER: I mean, OIG has a duty of confidentiality, so the details regarding our 4 investigation I can't provide any further 5 6 information. MR. McKAY: Well, your statement to me over 7 the phone infers that time is of the essence. I 8 9 think that Detective March has the right to know 10 why, in the OIG's mind, time is of the essence. 11 MR. NEUMER: I think time is of the essence for every investigation and probably in 12 particular this investigation. 13 MR. McKAY: If time was of the essence in 14 April when you, at the very least had Officer 15 16 Dora Fontaine's report, why didn't you ask 17 Detective March about Officer Fontaine's report 18 at that time? 19 And I submit if you had Earl Briggs' 20 report from the Medical Examiner's Office at that time, why didn't you ask Detective March 21 about that as well if truly time is of the 22 essence in this investigation? 23 2.4 MR. NEUMER: We do try to ask all relevant

1 questions and be as thorough as possible. 2 MR. McKAY: With all due respect, Peter, 3 and I understand you and Ms. Witzburg have a job to do, and I appreciate the job you are both 4 doing along with Kristopher Brown, but frankly, 5 with all due respect, none of your answers today 6 to my questions were responsive to my questions, 7 and I object to that in addition to all my other 8 9 objections. Thank you. 10 MR. NEUMER: So we were going through our preamble prior to the objections being placed on 11 12 the record. So at this time I'd ask that the court reporter swear Detective March in. 13 (WHEREUPON, the witness was duly sworn.) 14 MR. NEUMER: I'm going to go through the 15 16 Advisement of Rights form with you, Detective 17 March. Again, I'm going to ask you to read 18 along with me as I go through this advisement, 19 and I'll ask you after each paragraph to 20 acknowledge you have read the paragraph I just 21 read aloud to you. "I, Detective David March, understand 22 that I am being interviewed by Peter Neumer and 23 24 Deborah Witzburg from the City of Chicago Office

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     of Inspector General. I understand that this
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     interview is part of an official investigation
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     and that I have a duty to cooperate with the
     Office of Inspector General, which includes
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     answering all questions completely and
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     truthfully."
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                Detective March, do you see the
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     paragraph I just read aloud to you?
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          THE WITNESS: Yes.
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          MR. NEUMER: "I understand that I have no
     right to remain silent. I understand that I
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     have an obligation to answer questions put to me
     truthfully. I understand if I refuse to answer
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     questions put to me, I will be ordered by a
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     superior officer to answer the question. I
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     further understand and I have been advised that
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     if I persist in my refusal to answer after an
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     order to do so, such further refusal constitutes
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     a violation of the rules and regulations of the
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     Chicago Police Department and may serve as the
    basis for my discharge."
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     paragraph I just read aloud to you?
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          THE WITNESS: Yes.
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1 MR. NEUMER: "I understand and have been 2 advised that my statements and responses may 3 constitute an official police report. understand that Rule 14 of the Chicago Police 4 Department's rules and regulations prohibits 5 making a false report, written or oral, and I 6 further understand that making such a false 7 report, whether written or oral, may result in 8 my separation from the Chicago Police 9 10 Department." 11 Detective March, do you see the paragraph I just read aloud to you? 12 THE WITNESS: Yes. 13 MR. NEUMER: "I understand that any 14 statement made by me during this interview may 15 be used as evidence of misconduct or as the 16 17 basis for disciplinary action up to and 18 including removal or discharge." 19 Detective March, do you see the 20 paragraph I just read aloud to you? THE WITNESS: Yes. 21 22 MR. NEUMER: "I understand that any statement made by me during this interview and 23 24 the fruits thereof cannot be used against me in

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     a criminal proceeding."
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     paragraph I just read aloud you to?
          THE WITNESS: Yes.
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          MR. NEUMER: "I understand that I have the
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     right to have a union representative or legal
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     counsel of my choosing present at the interview
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     to consult with and that I will be given a
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     or legal counsel as long as the interview is not
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     unduly delayed."
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    paragraph I just read aloud to you?
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          THE WITNESS: Yes.
          MR. NEUMER: "I understand that a refusal
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     to answer any question or any false, inaccurate,
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     or deliberately incomplete statement by me would
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     constitute a violation of Chicago Municipal
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     Ordinance 2-56 and may serve as the basis for my
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     discharge."
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     paragraph I just read aloud to you?
          THE WITNESS: Yes.
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          MR. NEUMER: "I acknowledge that this
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statement of my administrative rights has been
read aloud to me and I have been allowed to
review this document."
Detective March, do you see the
paragraph I just read aloud to you?
THE WITNESS: Yes.
MR. NEUMER: At this time I would ask that
you sign the Advisement of Rights form, and my
colleague and I will witness.
I'm now going to put several exhibits
on the record and present them to Detective
March to confirm his receipt of the exhibits.
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1	prior to today?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. And did BIA provide you with this
4	document on or about July 20th, 2016?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. And is that your signature at the
7	bottom of the page of Exhibit 2?
8	A. Yes.
9	Q. I am now going to
10	MR. McKAY: Can I retain these exhibits for
11	my file?
12	MR. NEUMER: No. No. We always keep them.
13	You'll get these when you get the transcript.
14	BY MR. NEUMER:
15	Q. I'm now handing you what is titled
16	Notification of Allegations. This is marked as
17	Exhibit 3.
18	(WHEREUPON, a certain document was marked
19	March Deposition Exhibit No. 3, for
20	identification, as of 07/25/2016.)
21	BY MR. NEUMER:
22	Q. Detective March, have you seen this
23	Notification of Allegations prior to today?
24	A. Yes.

1	Q. And did BIA provide you with this
2	Exhibit 3, Notification of Allegations, on or
3	about July 20, 2016?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. And is that your signature at the
6	bottom of Page 1 of the Notification of
7	Allegations?
8	A. Yes.
9	Q. I am now going to hand you what has
10	previously been marked as Exhibit 4 titled
11	Receipt Form.
12	(WHEREUPON, a certain document was marked
13	March Deposition Exhibit No. 4, for
14	identification, as of 07/25/2016.)
15	BY MR. NEUMER:
16	Q. Detective March, have you seen this
17	Receipt Form prior to today?
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. And did BIA provide you with this
20	Receipt Form on or about July 20th, 2016?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. And is that your signature at the
23	bottom of the Receipt Form?
24	A. Yes.

1	Q. And I am now going to be handing you
2	what has previously been marked as Exhibit 5.
3	(WHEREUPON, a certain document was marked
4	March Deposition Exhibit No. 5, for
5	identification, as of 07/25/2016.)
6	BY MR. NEUMER:
7	Q. This is a Medical Examiner
8	Investigations Case Report ME2014-01071 dated
9	October 21st, 2014.
10	Have you seen this document,
11	Detective March, prior to today?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. And did BIA provide you with this
14	Case Report on or about July 20th, 2016?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. And I'm now going to be handing you
17	what has previously been marked Exhibit 6. This
18	is an Original Case Incident Report with the
19	RD number HX475653 and the event
20	number 1429315878, case ID 9825613.
21	(WHEREUPON, a certain document was marked
22	March Deposition Exhibit No. 6, for
23	identification, as of 07/25/2016.)
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1 BY MR. NEUMER: 2 Q. Detective March, have you seen this 3 Exhibit 6 Original Case Incident Report prior to today? 4 5 Α. Yes. And did BIA provide you with this 6 document on or about July 20th, 2016? 7 8 Α. Yes. 9 MR. McKAY: Peter is this report -- you're 10 marking this as Exhibit 6? 11 MR. NEUMER: Yes. MR. McKAY: You are not going to keep it 12 Exhibit 18, which is what it was marked by you 13 on April 26th? 14 15 MR. NEUMER: Right, we are going to call it Exhibit 6. I think that will be easier for 16 17 today's purposes to call it Exhibit 6 for the July 25th. But, again --18 19 MR. McKAY: But you'll agree it was your 20 Exhibit 18 back in April? MR. NEUMER: Right, I don't remember if it 21 was -- if you represent 18, I certainly -- I 22 23 don't dispute that. 24 MR. McKAY: All right.

BY MR. NEUMER:
Q. Detective March, did you review any
materials in preparation for today's interview?
A. Yes.
Q. And what materials did you review?
A. The documents that I received from
Internal Affairs on last Wednesday and then I
also reviewed several reports from the
investigative file.
Q. Do you remember which reports you
reviewed?
A. I believe they were all reports that
I authored that we talked about previously.
Q. Okay. In our April 26th and 27th
interview?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you review any video in
preparation for this interview?
A. No.
Q. Aside from your attorney, who did you
speak to in preparation for this interview?
A. No one.
MR. NEUMER: And then before we get started

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     are you okay with OIG providing you with a copy
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     of the transcript of today's interview within
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     48 hours of the OIG's receipt of that
     transcript?
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          MR. McKAY: I have no objection to
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     employing the same procedure of receiving the
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     transcript as the previous transcript in April.
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     transcript on a Friday, you can't get it to me
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     that same day, but I ask that if the court
     reporter can provide me with the transcript on,
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     say, a Tuesday or Wednesday, I'd like it the
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     same day you guys get it.
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                I am relying on you suggesting that
     the statement should not be more than about an
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     hour. I don't think it would take that long to
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     copy that statement or make a copy of a disk if
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     that's how Ms. Paoletti Yohler is going to
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     provide the transcript to you.
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          MR. NEUMER: And, just for the record, I
     think my representation was that OIG's portion
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     of the questioning would take an hour. And
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     we're now, I think, going to --
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          MR. McKAY: That's fine. I have no
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     objection consistent with the last statement in
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     April.
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          MR. NEUMER: And, Jim, we'll work with you
     to get you it in a very, very reasonable time.
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     BY MR. NEUMER:
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     state your name, star number for the record.
          MR. McKAY: Detective March has something
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     BY THE WITNESS:
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     of a superior officer.
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     statement with the following: I believe I am
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     entitled to be informed of my Constitutional
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    right to remain silent. I have received no
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     assurances from the Office of Inspector General
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     with this statement is in violation of the
     applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement, but
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     I have been advised that I will lose my job if I
     refuse to provide a statement.
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                I am not giving this statement
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1 voluntarily but only because I am required to do 2 so by a direct order of Commander Robert Klimas. 3 I know that if I refuse to participate in this interview or refuse to 4 answer certain questions, I can be disciplined 5 or even fired; therefore, this statement is 6 being compelled. 7 I am asserting all of my rights under 8 9 the Supreme Court case of Garrity versus 10 New Jersey, and I am specifically objecting to any sharing or disclosure of this statement or 11 its contents with any prosecutor's office, such 12 as the Cook County State's Attorney's Office or 13 the United States Attorney's Office. 14 15 I also object to the sharing or disclosure of this statement or its contents 16 17 directly or indirectly with anybody else 18 including but not limited to any other federal, 19 state, or city agency, any special prosecutor 20 and his agents, and the media. I object that this second interview 21 is taking place. I was here for two days on 22 April 26th and April 27th and gave honest 23 24 answers to all of your questions.

Further, I object that this interview 1 2 is taking place before an arbitrator has decided 3 the issues that were raised in a grievance filed by me and another grievance filed by Chicago FOP 4 regarding this investigation. The Inspector 5 General has refused to postpone this 6 investigation. 7 Also on the advice of counsel, I am 8 9 making the following additional objection: I am 10 objecting to the fact that the City of Chicago 11 Inspector General's Office has refused to 12 identify all of my complainants if they exist. Under city ordinance, Collective 13 Bargaining Agreements, and my due process 14 rights, I am entitled to notice of the nature of 15 16 the allegations against me and the identity of 17 all complainants prior to any interview. 18 The Inspector General's Office has 19 only advised me that Interim Superintendent 20 John J. Escalante and, to a lesser degree, Sergeant S. Soria are the only complainants 21 22 against me. This can't possibly be true because Escalante's letter to the Inspector General 23 dated January 13, 2016, does not specifically 24

1 allege or even suspect me of any misconduct. 2 Further, the letter refers to 3 Sergeant Soria's memo of July 15th, 2015, which only alleges inattention to duty because of 4 possible tampering with in-car camera mics and 5 improper use of equipment, none of which applies 6 to me, a detective assigned to investigate this 7 8 police shooting. 9 I am left to wonder who is the source 10 of the allegations now pending against me. 11 shouldn't have to do this because I have a right 12 to know and confront my accusers. The Inspector General's Office is 13 14 violating my rights of due process by not specifically informing me of the person or 15 16 persons making these specific allegations. 17 such, I can only assume the true complainant is 18 the City of Chicago's Inspector General. 19 I am entitled to an affidavit of any 20 complainant who is not a sworn officer. I have not received one in this case. 21 I am not waiving the requirement of 22 an affidavit, therefore, I am objecting to the 23 24 City of Chicago Inspector General's Office

1 making allegations against me and conducting an 2 investigation into its own allegations. 3 Finally, I am objecting to the Inspector General's Office conducting any 4 investigation of this shooting because the 5 Inspector General of Chicago is prejudiced 6 against me. This prejudice is evidenced by his 7 participation on the Police Accountability Task 8 9 Force and their report released April 13, 2016. 10 This report includes findings made without the benefit of hearing my sworn 11 testimony, considering all of the evidence in 12 this case, and considering all of the applicable 13 law in this case. 14 15 The Inspector General has prejudged 16 this case; as such, he and his agents cannot be fair, impartial, and independent investigators 17 18 in this matter. This objection also applies to 19 Lori E. Lightfoot, president of the Chicago 20 Police Board, who served as the chair of the Police Accountability Task Force. 21 22 Thank you. BY MR. NEUMER: 23 Q. 24 Detective March, I want to first put

1	in front of you, Medical Examiner Investigations
2	Case Report ME2014-01071.
3	I don't think we ever got your name
4	and star number for the record, so if we could
5	start there.
6	A. My name is Detective David March. My
7	star number is 20563.
8	Q. And what is your current unit of
9	assignment?
10	A. I'm assigned to the Bureau of
11	Detectives, Area Central.
12	Q. Again, we want to ask you a few
13	questions about the Medical Examiner
14	Investigations Case Report ME2014-01071.
15	From your perspective, what is a
16	Medical Examiner Case Report?
17	MR. McKAY: Objection, that calls for
18	speculation. You're asking him to guess about
19	some other agency, not even in the City of
20	Chicago, and their reports.
21	MR. NEUMER: Let me reword the question.
22	BY MR. NEUMER:
23	Q. Based on your experience as a
24	detective, what is a Medical Examiner Case

1 Report? 2 MR. McKAY: Same objection. 3 BY THE WITNESS: I cannot specifically speak to 4 exactly what this is. In 34 years at the 5 Chicago Police Department, all of that time 6 working within the County of Cook, I have never 7 seen a report like this. 8 9 BY MR. NEUMER: 10 Q. Okay. 11 I can only assume after reading this 12 report that this document was created as a result of a quick telephone notification that I 13 made to the Office of the Medical Examiner of 14 Cook County. It was not the subject of any kind 15 16 of investigation or in-depth interview of me by 17 anyone. 18 Do you have any understanding as to 19 what the purpose of a Medical Examiner 20 Investigations Case Report? Again, I can only assume from reading 21 it that it is meant to document my notification 22 23 of their office that the Chicago Police Department was involved in a Medical Examiner's 24

1	Report.
2	We have to notify them any time we
3	are dealing with any kind of death that is
4	potentially a Medical Examiner's case, whether
5	it be a natural death, suicide, homicide,
6	whatever.
7	Q. So have you had communications with
8	Cook County investigators prior to October 20th,
9	2014, regarding homicides or death
LO	investigations?
L1	A. Yes.
L2	Q. Do you have any estimate as to how
L3	many times you've communicated with Cook County
L 4	investigators or Cook County personnel regarding
L5	homicides or death investigations?
L6	A. I have no idea, but it was a large
L7	number of contacts.
L8	Q. Maybe over 50?
L9	A. Well over 50.
20	Q. Well over 50. Okay. Have you ever
21	seen a Medical Examiner Investigations Case
22	Report prior to today?
23	A. I first saw this report last
24	Wednesday when it was presented to me by our

1 Internal Affairs Division. Prior to that day, I 2 have never seen this type of report. 3 I have been involved in the prosecution of numerous homicide cases, murder 4 cases in the criminal court system of Cook 5 County, and I have seen the Medical Examiner's 6 7 protocol documenting their results of their autopsy. I have seen toxicological reports 8 9 presented by outside laboratories that do work 10 for the Medical Examiner's Office. I have never in my life seen this type of report. I didn't 11 even know they existed. 12 Okay. When you were communicating 13 Q. with Cook County personnel on previous homicide 14 15 or death investigations, were you providing --16 what type of information were you providing to 17 the Cook County personnel? 18 I'm assuming -- again, I don't 19 know -- the only requirement on us as the 20 Chicago Police Department is to notify them when 21 we come across a potential Medical Examiner's 22 case. When I call, my purpose is just to 23 24 let them know that there is a Medical Examiner's

1 case. The information that they solicit from 2 me, I don't know if there's a checklist that 3 they go down and -- I have no idea how that comes to be. 4 I got you. So, generally speaking, Q. 5 what type of information do you provide as part 6 of that initial notification? 7 Again, these notifications are made 8 9 very early on in the investigation. A lot of 10 information that they ask for we may not have at the time, so obviously if we don't have 11 12 information, we can't provide information. So based on what we do know at the 13 time of the notification, they will ask us 14 things like the date and time that we discovered 15 16 the body, the location, the identification --17 the identity of the dead body if we know it. 18 And they ask us for a brief summary 19 of the circumstances under which we became aware 20 of the -- that there was a dead body. 21 Q. Sure. And I don't want you to 22 speculate. Do you have any understanding of what the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office 23 24 does with that information?

1 Α. No. 2 Q. Do you have any understanding as to 3 why the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office is obtaining that information from you, the 4 detective? 5 MR. McKAY: Again, objection, calls for 6 7 speculation. BY THE WITNESS: 8 9 Α. One reason would be, like I said, we 10 are required to notify them of any potential 11 Medical Examiner's cases. There are many times 12 when we will notify them of the case and their investigator will tell us, "Okay, that's not a 13 case that we're going to deal with, so the body 14 15 doesn't have to end up here." A case like that would be a natural 16 death where the victim died of a medical 17 18 condition that they were being treated for chronically and there was an attending 19 20 physician. If we present facts that indicate 21 that that is the case, in those cases, the 22 23 Medical Examiner will not take the case, so to 24 speak, and they -- because in those cases, the

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1 attending physician will issue the death 2 certificate, and the Medical Examiner's Office 3 really has no need to be involved in the case. Any other cases where there's any --4 and, again, these are their standards and it's 5 their decision where they think there might be 6 suspicious circumstances or potential for 7 suspicious circumstances. If it looks like it's 8 9 an overdose with no signs of violence, then 10 obviously they're going to have to conduct a toxicology exam to confirm whether or not the 11 12 cause of death was drugs. So, again, the criteria is theirs, 13 and all we do is we notify them of what we know 14 at the time and they tell us whether or not 15 16 they're going to take the case and if they want 17 us to make sure the body ultimately comes to their facility or can be released to the family 18 19 by a hospital or doctor or whatever. 20 0. And do you have any understanding whether the ultimate postmortem examination 21 report relies at all upon the Exhibit 5 report 22 I've put in front of you? 23

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MR. McKAY: Again, that calls for

1 speculation. I object. He cannot guess about 2 another agency's use of this report or what, if 3 any, other people in that agency relied on. BY THE WITNESS: 4 Again, I don't know. 5 Α. BY MR. NEUMER: 6 7 Specifically now with respect to the Exhibit 5 report, on the evening of 8 9 October 20th, 2014, did you have any 10 communication with the Cook County Medical 11 Examiner's Office regarding the McDonald 12 shooting? 13 Α. Yes. 14 Can you walk us through that communication. Where were you when you had that 15 communication with the ME's Office? 16 17 I was at the crime scene on Pulaski 18 Road. We had assisting detectives that had 19 responded to Mount Sinai Hospital where Laquan 20 McDonald had been transported for treatment of his injuries. 21 22 I believe that the sequence in which this happened was that the detectives at the 23 24 hospital were present or learned that Laquan

1	McDonald had been pronounced deceased by the
2	attending physician there.
3	They again, I believe they then
4	informed Sergeant Gallagher, who was the
5	detective supervisor in charge of the scene,
6	that Laquan McDonald was deceased, and then
7	Sergeant Gallagher notified me of the same since
8	the case had been assigned to me.
9	Upon learning that, as I commonly do
10	on cases where I think I might have more
11	information than the initial primary beat car
12	assigned to the case, rather than have them
13	asking me all this information so they can
14	present it to the Medical Examiner's Office, I
15	will call the Medical Examiner's Office because,
16	again, at that point I feel I had the most
17	information in one place, so to speak.
18	So I called the Medical Examiner's
19	Office from the scene and spoke with
20	Investigator Briggs to make this notification.
21	Q. The detectives who were at the
22	hospital, do you recall their names?
23	A. I don't. I'd have to look at the
24	reports, the file.

1	Q. And did you use we had a
2	discussion I think during our last interview
3	about use of phone. Was it your personal cell
4	phone that you used to call the ME's Office?
5	A. It's the only phone I have. Like I
6	told you before, the Department does not supply
7	me with a phone. And in this day and age, there
8	were no pay phones near the scene, so it was the
9	only way to make a timely notification.
10	Q. On Page 1 of the Case Report, it
11	lists under the Notification section date,
12	October 20th, 2014; time, 11:51:59 p.m. Does
13	that time accord with your belief as to when
13 14	that time accord with your belief as to when that call between you and Investigator Briggs
14	that call between you and Investigator Briggs
14 15	that call between you and Investigator Briggs occurred?
14 15 16	that call between you and Investigator Briggs occurred? A. I have no personal knowledge at this
14 15 16 17	that call between you and Investigator Briggs occurred? A. I have no personal knowledge at this date of exactly when that telephone call was
14 15 16 17	that call between you and Investigator Briggs occurred? A. I have no personal knowledge at this date of exactly when that telephone call was made by me to the Office of the Medical
14 15 16 17 18	that call between you and Investigator Briggs occurred? A. I have no personal knowledge at this date of exactly when that telephone call was made by me to the Office of the Medical Examiner, but that time does seem to be accurate
14 15 16 17 18 19	that call between you and Investigator Briggs occurred? A. I have no personal knowledge at this date of exactly when that telephone call was made by me to the Office of the Medical Examiner, but that time does seem to be accurate to me.
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	that call between you and Investigator Briggs occurred? A. I have no personal knowledge at this date of exactly when that telephone call was made by me to the Office of the Medical Examiner, but that time does seem to be accurate to me. Q. Okay. And so you call Investigator

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1 again, this is not word for word. I don't 2 recall exactly what information was discussed in 3 what order, but I probably -- my first statement to him probably was that I was making a 4 notification of a police officer-involved 5 shooting and that there obviously was a dead 6 7 body. Is there just one number that CPD is 8 9 to call or detectives are to call for the Medical Examiner's Office? 10 11 Α. Their office has a number of numbers. There is one number that -- I mean, officers 12 will use whatever number -- I can't speak to 13 what other number officers use, and I'm assuming 14 that officers use whatever number they're used 15 16 to getting an answer at. 17 Q. Right. I know at that late time, there's one 18 19 number that is at least supposed to be answered 20 24 hours a day. Sometimes it doesn't happen, but I call the -- I have that number programmed 21 into my cell phone, and I called that number 22 because, like I said, I have made these 23

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notifications on numerous occasions.

1	Q. Did you know or have any sort of
2	working relationship with Investigator Briggs
3	prior to your phone call on October 20th, 2014?
4	A. I know I have come across the name
5	before. I can't specifically say that I've ever
6	talked to him on the telephone before. It may
7	have been that I read reports with his name on
8	it.
9	I was aware that there was an
10	investigator at the Office of the Medical
11	Examiner by the name of Briggs. I again, I
12	can't say whether or not I've ever spoken to him
13	before October 20th, 2014, and I don't believe I
14	have ever met him in person. If he was sitting
15	across the table from me today, I'd have no idea
16	if that was him.
17	Q. Is it fair to say that when you
18	placed the call on the night of October 20th,
19	2014, that you weren't calling Briggs
20	specifically?
21	A. No, absolutely not.
22	Q. It was more of a general hotline or
23	something
2.4	A. I have no idea

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1	Q calling?
2	A working there at the time. Again,
3	I was fulfilling our requirements to notify the
4	office, not any specific person.
5	Q. Okay. At the time you spoke with
6	Investigator Briggs, do you recall whether you
7	had seen video footage of the McDonald shooting?
8	A. I can't say for certain. I believe I
9	probably have seen had seen by that time the
10	infamous dash cam video, if you will. But I
11	certainly had not seen all of the video that we
12	recovered. And, again, I'm not certain, but I
13	believe I did see that footage prior to my call
14	to Briggs.
15	Q. And I believe that's the 813 Robert
16	video you're referring to.
17	A. Correct.
18	Q. I'm going to ask you to look at
19	Page 3 of the Case Report. And, in particular,
20	the paragraph that begins, "Detective March
21	related the following." That's the second full
22	paragraph in the narrative section.
23	So I want you to take a moment or

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take as much time as you need to review that

1 paragraph, and then my question to you after 2 you've had a chance to read through that is 3 whether that paragraph accurately reflects a 4 statement you made to Briggs on October 20th, 2014? 5 That paragraph absolutely does not 6 7 accurately reflect the facts that I related to 8 Investigator Briggs. 9 Q. Okay. And let's go line by line. I 10 want you to -- I'm going to ask you two 11 questions regarding each sentence in that 12 paragraph: One, whether you made that statement to Investigator Briggs on the night of 13 October 20th, 2014, and then, two, whether that 14 statement is accurate, okay? So whether you 15 16 said it to him or not, whether it's accurate. 17 So we'll --I can maybe -- I don't know if this 18 19 saves any time or not. I can tell you, having 20 read that report, that none of those statements are verbatim statements by me to Investigator 21 22 Briggs. The first statement, for example, has 23 24 a date and a time and a beat car. That

1	information was transmitted but not in one
2	sentence that said all of that. He would ask me
3	what time the incident occurred; I would provide
4	him with a time. He asked me when it occurred,
5	what date, what address, like that.
6	This is not anywhere near the
7	verbatim statements that I made to him over the
8	telephone.
9	Q. Okay. And we're just going to break
10	it down here
11	A. And, again, I might want to stress, I
12	did not speak in a paragraph like this. This
13	was all he would ask me a question, I would
14	provide him an answer.
15	Q. Okay. So that's how well, maybe
16	we'll take a step back again to maybe
17	A. We can certainly go to whether each
18	individual fact listed there is accurate, but I
19	can tell you categorically the entire paragraph
20	is not my statement, and none of those sentences
21	were said by me in that manner.
22	Q. Okay.
23	MR. McKAY: Can I ask you a question? Can
24	you tell me whether or not this telephone

1 conversation you are about to ask Detective 2 March about, was it recorded in any fashion by 3 Investigator Briggs or anybody from the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office? 4 MR. NEUMER: Yeah, what I would say in 5 response to that is, there's a duty of 6 confidentiality. And, again, the materials that 7 OIG has provided today, OIG has provided all 8 9 materials, all information required by the CBA. 10 MR. McKAY: Well, there's no duty of confidentiality if it's a recording of the 11 12 accused's statement. The Collective Bargaining Agreement 13 clearly mandates that you, IPRA, Internal 14 Affairs, whatever agency is investigating a 15 16 Chicago police officer has a duty to give the 17 officer a recording such as a video or an audio 18 before you ask him questions of it. 19 If you got it, I demand that you give 20 a copy of that statement to Detective March now before any question continues. 21 22 MR. NEUMER: And what I would say in response is, OIG complies with all applicable 23 24 laws.

1 MR. McKAY: And I'll take that to mean that 2 you don't have any recorded statement of 3 Detective March by Investigator Briggs or any agent of the Cook County Medical Examiner's 4 Office. 5 MR. NEUMER: I'll let you draw whatever 6 inferences you'd like, and I'll just say that we 7 comply with all applicable laws, and we are 8 9 conducting this interview today in accordance 10 with all applicable laws. 11 MR. McKAY: Okay. Well, with that said, then since you placed this gentleman under oath, 12 if you have a recording that suggests anything 13 inconsistent with what Detective March has 14 previously testified about in April and, more 15 16 importantly, what he has also generated himself, 17 the reports he created, if you have a recording, 18 please give that to him now. He has a right to 19 it. 20 And I'm going to ask that he not answer any of your questions unless you're going 21 to tell him that criminal charges of perjury or 22 any other crimes are probable. And if that's 23 24 the case, you now have a right to Mirandize him

1 pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, 2 Illinois State Law, and the United States 3 Constitution. MR. NEUMER: Yeah, I mean, as we discussed 4 previously this is an administrative 5 investigation. This is not a criminal 6 7 investigation. We're not partnered with any other bodies on this investigation, so Miranda 8 9 simply doesn't apply here. 10 MR. McKAY: All right. My objection is on 11 the record. 12 Further, if there was a recording, Peter, even if you don't know about it but if 13 there was a recording by Mr. Briggs or anybody 14 from the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office 15 without the consent of Detective March, I would 16 submit that's a violation of the Illinois 17 18 Eavesdropping Statute, which is a Class III 19 felony. 20 If you've got it, or, further, if you don't have it but somewhere down the road you do 21 22 get it, I'm moving to strike whatever Detective March is saying consistent with the order by 23 24 Commander Klimas, and, further, I'm going to be

1 asking you to refer Mr. Briggs or anybody from 2 the ME's Office to the Cook County State's 3 Attorney's Office for an investigation on an eavesdropping violation. 4 Thank you. 5 MR. NEUMER: Okay. 6 BY MR. NEUMER: 7 Detective March, I think we were 8 Q. going to take a step back a little bit. You 9 10 were giving us some information regarding how 11 this conversation occurred, and I think obviously you placed the call to the ME's 12 Office; is that correct? 13 14 Α. Correct. And then you made a notification --15 16 or you notified, again in this case it was 17 Investigator Briggs, that there was a death or a 18 homicide? 19 Α. Yes. 20 Q. Do you recall -- I mean, is there sort of like a boilerplate language, or do you 21 just -- what do you tell the ME's Office when 22 you notify them? 23 24 I think I just told you that I don't

1 know the exact words that I used, but I 2 explained to him that I was calling him to 3 notify him of a police officer-involved shooting incident where the person who had been shot by 4 the officer had been pronounced deceased. 5 And then following that exchange, did 6 7 Investigator Briggs proceed to ask you a series 8 of questions? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Q. Okay. And did you provide 11 information in response to his questions? 12 Yes. Α. Did you offer any information without 13 Q. 14 it being prompted by a question from 15 Investigator Briggs? 16 Not that I recall. Α. 17 So is it fair to say that he was 18 conducting an interview of you? 19 I don't know that we would -- that I 20 would characterize it as an interview because there was -- number one, at that point in time 21 in the investigation, I knew that I did not know 22 23 all of the facts of the investigation. So --24 ο. Let --

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1 -- I was not in a position to give 2 any totally completely informed statement on 3 anything. So, like I said, to the best of my 4 knowledge, like I said, maybe he's got a 5 checklist that he goes through and he's asking 6 me to fill in the blanks of his checklist. 7 Let me take away the characterization 8 9 of interview. Is it fair to say he was asking 10 you questions and you were providing him 11 information in response to his questions? 12 Α. Yes. Okay. I want to go back to the 13 Q. 14 second paragraph of the narrative. And I want to go line by line again and -- and, again, it 15 16 will be two questions: Whether you related the 17 information in the sentence to Investigator Briggs on the night of October 20th, 2014, and 18 19 then the second question will be whether it is 20 accurate. So the first sentence is, "Detective 21 March related the following: On or about 22 2156 hours 19 October, 2014, Chicago Police 23

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8th District beat car 815 Robert responded to

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1 41st and Kildare in reference to a "citizen 2 holding a subject"." 3 So let me first ask you, Detective March, did you relate the information that is in 4 that first sentence to Investigator Briggs 5 during your phone call on October 20th, 2014? 6 7 Again, not in those exact words, but most of the information in that first sentence 8 9 is accurate except for the date of occurrence 10 where he documented that I said or I related that the incident occurred on 19 October 2014. 11 The telephone call notification that 12 I made to him was made on 20 October 2014 from 13 the scene of the incident, and there is no way 14 that I said that night or any time during the 15 16 following almost two years now that I've been 17 talking about this incident, there is no way 18 that I referred to this incident as occurring on 19 the 19th of October. 20 o. Is it fair to say that you, at some point during your conversation with Investigator 21 Briggs, told him that an 8th District beat car, 22 815 Robert, responded to 41st and Kildare in 23

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reference to a citizen holding a subject?

1 Α. I would have told him something along 2 the lines of some Chicago police officers 3 responded to a call of someone holding a subject for the police at 41st and Kildare. 4 Again, I'm trying to guess here 5 because I don't recall exactly the words that 6 7 were used. I assume he asked me probably what beat was involved and I told him 815 Robert, and 8 9 I'm assuming that him knowing the -- some of the 10 workings and especially the numbering system of the beats and the Chicago Police Department, I 11 think he correctly assumed that 815 Robert was 12 an 8th District beat car. I don't remember 13 telling him it was an 8th District beat car. 14 think he just assumed that from the beat number. 15 16 Next sentence, "Upon arrival, Beat Q. 17 815 Robert was confronted by the subject who 18 threatened the officers with a four-inch fold 19 knife." 20 Do you recall relating the information in that second sentence to 21 22 Investigator Briggs on the night of October 20th, 2014, during your phone call with 23 24 him?

1 Α. As I just indicated, I would have 2 told him that Beat 815 Robert responded to this 3 assignment. The rest of that sentence is a complete misrepresentation of what I told him 4 that night. 5 And, again, in dealing with this 6 incident for almost two years now, I have never 7 characterized what happened between Laquan 8 9 McDonald and the officers assigned to 815 Robert 10 as 815 Robert was confronted by the subject who 11 threatened the officers with a four-inch fold 12 knife. First of all, as borne out in 13 my -- all of the reports that I have written 14 documenting this incident, at no time did any 15 witness ever say that the officers on Beat 815 16 17 Robert were confronted by the subject. The 18 subject being Laquan McDonald. 19 In fact, it was the other way around. 20 The officers responded to the assignment and they subsequently confronted Laquan McDonald, 21 22 who they found walking down the street. 23 I have never characterized what 24 happened between those officers and Laquan

1 McDonald as him threatening them with a knife in 2 the sense that I'm thinking somebody is 3 brandishing a knife and threatening to cut you. I always characterized this incident as him 4 attacking their vehicle with the knife, where he 5 stabbed the right front tire and then stabbed 6 the windshield. I have never characterized this 7 as him threatening the officers with the knife. 8 9 That having been said, I believe that 10 the act of attacking the marked police vehicle associated with two uniformed police officers 11 was, in fact, a threat to the officers, but, 12 again, just to be clear, that is now -- the 13 words that are in this sentence are not the way 14 I would have or have ever portrayed this 15 16 incident. 17 The last misrepresentation is that it says that he threatened the officers with a 18 19 four-inch fold knife. Again, having been at the 20 scene, seeing the knife myself, knowing how I believe every single person -- all personnel 21 22 employed by the Chicago Police Department in any reports written about this incident, I believe 23 24 it has been very consistent that the knife has

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occurred is accurate.

1 been referred to as a folding knife, seven 2 inches in overall length with a three-inch 3 blade. I have never and I have never heard 4 anyone else describe the weapon as a four-inch fold knife. 5 So do you think that second sentence o. 6 7 is -- putting aside the question of whether you relayed the information contained in the second 8 9 sentence to Investigator Briggs, do you think 10 that second sentence is accurate? 11 Α. No. And it's for the reasons you stated? 12 Q. Yes. 13 Α. Okay. How about the information in 14 Q. the first sentence, other than the 19th of 15 16 October language, is the statement -- the 17 first-sentence statement accurate? 18 Aside from the fact that he's got the 19 wrong date, which you just described, and the 20 fact that the words, "citizen holding a subject" are in quotation marks, I don't recall that I 21 said those exact words, but the idea, if you 22 will, of that being a summary of what had 23

1	Q. Okay. Third sentence, "The subject
2	fled the scene on foot, where at 4112 South
3	Pulaski the subject was stopped by officers
4	assigned to Beat 845 Robert."
5	First question, did you relay the
6	information contained in that sentence to
7	Investigator Briggs during your phone call on
8	October 20th, 2014?
9	A. In this sentence, I believe that all
10	of those details or facts described in that
11	sentence are accurate and were relayed by me to
12	Investigator Briggs.
13	And, again, I can't say that I used
14	those exact words in one complete coherent
15	sentence that says all of that in one sentence.
16	Q. Okay. Next sentence, "The officers
17	announced their office as Chicago Police
18	Officers and ordered the subject to drop the
19	knife."
20	First question, did you relay that
21	information to Investigator Briggs during your
22	phone call on October 20th, 2014?
23	A. Again, not in those exact words, but,
24	yes, that information was relayed to

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1 Investigator Briggs with the exception of the 2 fact that he's got the words, "Chicago police 3 officers" in quotation marks, and I have no -again, from being out there that night, 4 interviewing all the officers involved, having 5 written a number of reports involving this 6 investigation, and talking about it on numerous 7 occasions, no one -- none of the officers ever 8 9 told me that the words they said were "Chicago 10 police officers" when they were announcing their 11 office. And I obviously did not characterize 12 that then to Investigator Briggs. If I had not 13 heard someone say those words, I would not tell 14 15 him that someone said those words. 16 Q. Okay. I did tell him that the officers 17 18 announced their office, and I believe all the 19 reports that I've written said that all of the 20 officers are pretty consistent in saying something along the lines of, "Police, stop. 21

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Police, drop the knife." But never do they say,

"Chicago police officers, stop. Chicago police

officers, drop the knife."

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message to whoever.

1 So except for that one clarification, 2 again, that sentence are not the exact words I 3 spoke to him, but the facts detailed in that 4 sentence are accurate. Next sentence, "The subject lunged at Q. 5 the officers with the knife." 6 7 First question, did you relay that information to Investigator Briggs during your 8 9 phone call on October 20th, 2014? 10 Α. No, I -- again, being a detective -being a police officer for 34 years and 11 especially being a violent crimes detective for 12 the last 25 years, details of the elements of a 13 criminal offense are the most important thing we 14 deal with. 15 16 I mean, when we're determining 17 whether or not we have probable cause to arrest 18 someone, when we're presenting a case to the 19 State's Attorney's Office for the approval of 20 criminal charges, it's very important how the facts are characterized. If you leave facts 21 22 out, if you use words that don't convey all of 23 the details, you're not conveying an accurate

1 And especially like with dealing with 2 the State's Attorney's Office, they're they 3 ones -- they're not on scene, they don't talk to all of the people that we do, so it's up to us 4 to accurately relay to them what the facts are 5 because that's what they're going to make their 6 decision as to whether or not they're going to 7 charge and what charge is the most appropriate. 8 9 So obviously you don't want to use 10 language that doesn't accurately describe something and you don't want to use language 11 12 that describes things that didn't happen. Again, having spoken to every officer 13 that was involved in this incident, no one has 14 ever told me that they saw Laquan McDonald or 15 16 felt that he was lunging at anyone. 17 In viewing the video myself, I have 18 never had the impression that I see Laguan 19 McDonald ever lunge at anyone in that video. 20 And, again, in speaking about this case for almost two years, I can say with certainty --21 22 because, again, my awareness of the importance 23 of the details -- I have never described what 24 Laguan McDonald did during this incident as a

1 lunge. 2 So the sentence, "The subject lunged 3 at the officers with the knife" is just something that I never said and I did not tell 4 Investigator Briggs. 5 Okay. Understanding that -- putting 6 7 aside whether or not you relayed that information -- or relayed -- said the word, 8 9 "lunged" to Investigator Briggs on the night of 10 October 20th, 2014, do you believe it's an 11 accurate statement to say that the subject 12 lunged at the officers with the knife? No, I believe that's a 13 Α. 14 misrepresentation by Investigator Briggs. 15 You do not think --Q. 16 And I don't know what he based that 17 It certainly wasn't the words I told him 18 because I never told him that Laguan McDonald 19 lunged at anyone. 20 0. So you do not think it's accurate to state that McDonald lunged at the officers? 21 22 Α. Correct. Do you have any recollection of how 23 24 you characterized McDonald's actions to Briggs

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1 during your phone call? 2 I -- again, I don't know the exact 3 words that I used. I know from what I saw and how I handled my investigations, I would have 4 said something along the lines of McDonald 5 attacked the officers or began to attack the 6 7 officers. Q. 8 Okay --9 Α. And, again, there's many ways to 10 I wouldn't describe what he did as a lunge. 11 Next sentence, "Fearing for their 12 Q. life and attempting to stop the threat, one 13 officer, star number 9465, fired 16 rounds from 14 his duty weapon, a Smith & Wesson 9mm handgun 15 16 striking the subject numerous times." 17 First question, did you relate the 18 information contained in that sentence to 19 Investigator Briggs during your phone call on 20 October 20th, 2014? Yes, I did relay -- all of the facts 21 22 detailed in that sentence were related by me to Investigator Briggs, not necessarily in those 23

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exact words and certainly not in one sentence

1 like that. 2 Q. Okay. And is that sentence accurate? 3 Α. As best I know from what happened at this date. 4 Okay. Next sentence, "After striking 5 Q. the subject, an ambulance was requested by the 6 officers." 7 First question, is that -- did you 8 9 relate the information contained in that 10 sentence to Investigator Briggs during your 11 phone call on October 20th, 2014? 12 Yes, the facts detailed in that Α. sentence are accurate. Again, not the words 13 necessarily that I actually used and certainly 14 not in a sentence like that that I recall. 15 16 Okay. But, generally speaking, the Q. 17 information that's contained in that sentence you relayed to Investigator Briggs during your 18 19 phone call? 20 Α. Yes. 21 The next paragraph starts, "Upon 22 arrival of Chicago Fire Department ambulance," I 23 want you to review that paragraph, and after 24 you've had a chance to look it over, I want to

1 ask if you provided the information in that 2 paragraph to Investigator Briggs during your 3 phone call? In the first sentence I would have 4 Α. told him that Chicago Fire Department 5 6 Ambulance 21 transported McDonald to Mount Sinai 7 Hospital. Pretty much the rest of that 8 9 paragraph, aside from the time that he's 10 expired, because I would have told him that 11 McDonald was pronounced dead at 2242 hours, but 12 the rest of that is information that I did not provide to Briggs. 13 The beginning of the second sentence 14 where it says, "Once at Mount Sinai Hospital, 15 16 emergency staff were unable to revive the 17 subject," I have no idea what was done at Mount 18 Sinai Hospital. I don't know if they rolled him into the ER and he was a flat-line, that they 19 20 never found any signs of life; I don't know if they worked on him and performed any procedures 21 in attempting to save his life and were 22 23 unsuccessful. 2.4 So that statement that they were

unable to revive him, I don't know where that 1 2 comes from. I did not say anything in any 3 faintest resemblance to that statement. I would have told him, as I told you, 4 that he was pronounced dead at 2242 hours, the 5 name of the doctor, the beat car has it --6 Briggs has it spelled one way here, the Original 7 Case Report by Officer Fontaine has it spelled a 8 9 different way. 10 The spelling that I got from the detectives at the hospital is different. In 11 fact, it's completely different. If you look at 12 my report, the doctor that is credited with 13 pronouncing Laquan McDonald deceased is Pitzele, 14 I believe it is spelled P-i-t-z-e-l-e, which, 15 16 depending on what your perspective is, is kind 17 of close to what Briggs has here, but it 18 certainly is not the name that Briggs has here. 19 After the doctor's name, the rest of 20 that paragraph is basically a description of the injuries sustained by Laquan McDonald, and there 21 is no way that I -- I couldn't have possibly 22 told him any of that information because at the 23 24 time I made this notification, the only things I

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1 knew at that point were that Jason Van Dyke said 2 he had fired his weapon 16 times and I was aware 3 that Laquan McDonald had been shot multiple times, which means more than once. 4 I had no idea how many times he was 5 6 hit, if all 16 shots struck him, if they were lodged or through-and-through injuries, which 7 would create more than one hole, I had no idea 8 9 anywhere near this kind of description of his 10 injuries. So obviously Briggs got that from 11 some other source, not me. Is it possible that the two 12 Q. detectives who were at the hospital, would they 13 have had that information? 14 15 It's certainly possible that those Α. 16 detectives had that information. It's possible 17 anyone from the police department who was 18 present at the hospital with information may 19 have made an additional call to Briggs and 20 provided that information. It's possible that Briggs, in performing his duties, called the 21 hospital to obtain additional information that I 22 23 didn't know.

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But it's obvious -- it's completely

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1 totally obvious to me that the four pages of 2 this report are not a summary of information he 3 received entirely from me. It's obvious to me that he used additional sources and probably 4 additional people to gather all the information 5 he's summarizing in these four pages. 6 7 And maybe that's a good segue maybe to kind of go through a little bit and determine 8 9 what of the information in this Case Report came 10 from you and what information didn't. 11 So if we could go to Page 1. There's 12 Let me ask you this: If you want to 13 Α. simplify things, I've gone through my copy of 14 this report and kind of highlighted the 15 16 information that I didn't provide him. So maybe 17 that could save you some time, unless you feel 18 obligated to ask every entry. 19 Maybe we can quickly -- we'll quickly 0. 20 talk about what you did provide. So there's a the Decedent/Subject section on Page 1. 21 22 Did you provide Investigator Briggs with the information and the details contained 23

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in that Decedent/Subject section?

1 Α. Well, with the exception of the ZIP code for his residence at 2 3 I would have told them that I received the information that the last known address that the 4 Chicago Police Department had for Laquan 5 McDonald was 6 But obviously standing at the scene, 7 I had no idea what the ZIP code is at 8 9 And at that point I didn't pull 10 out my phone and go on the internet and look up 11 that ZIP code for that address. 12 So obviously he at some -- from some source -- and I'm assuming he looked it up on 13 the internet or from a ZIP code directory book, 14 15 if they still make those, he looked up that address and entered it into his report. 16 So under that Decedent/Subject 17 18 category, the only information that I did not 19 provide to him is the ZIP code of the residence. 20 Q. Let's see, in the Notification section on Page 1, fair to say that you provided 21 22 him your name, title, and star number? 23 Yes. Α. 24 Q. Did you provide him the beat number

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1	of 5121?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. And did you provide him the police
4	report number of HX475653?
5	A. Yes. The only information in that
6	section that I don't believe I gave him because
7	I don't remember it and I don't recall ever
8	doing that is the telephone number for my
9	office, which is what that telephone number is.
10	Again, I assume he looked that up from another
11	source.
12	Q. Okay. In the Discovered section, did
13	you provide him the information in that
14	Discovered section?
14 15	Discovered section? A. There is some information that I did
15	A. There is some information that I did
15 16	A. There is some information that I did not provide. But, first of all, I would like to
15 16 17	A. There is some information that I did not provide. But, first of all, I would like to point out, if you look at that section at the
15 16 17 18	A. There is some information that I did not provide. But, first of all, I would like to point out, if you look at that section at the bottom of Page 1 and the first two lines of
15 16 17 18	A. There is some information that I did not provide. But, first of all, I would like to point out, if you look at that section at the bottom of Page 1 and the first two lines of Page 2, which is a continuation of that section,
15 16 17 18 19	A. There is some information that I did not provide. But, first of all, I would like to point out, if you look at that section at the bottom of Page 1 and the first two lines of Page 2, which is a continuation of that section, I think it's obvious if you look through all of

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He has for the first entry,

1 "Discovered by: Chicago Police beat number 845 2 Robert." They did not discover a dead body. 3 They were dealing with a live offender from the entire time he was at the scene, and I'm told 4 that when he went into the ambulance, he still 5 had a pulse. So the Chicago Police Department 6 did not encounter a dead body at that point. 7 So, again, I -- I don't know what 8 9 he's trying to convey here, but the section 10 should really be, you know -- if you want to be totally accurate, it would probably be that 11 someone at the hospital with the location of 12 Mount Sinai Hospital would be the one to give 13 you information about the discovery of a dead 14 body because that is where he was -- until he 15 16 was pronounced dead, he was alive. 17 And I know, again from all the 18 information I received at the scene, that he 19 definitely was still alive at the scene. So 20 it's a technicality, but we're dealing with lawyers here, and that's what they live on is 21 technicalities. 22 23 I'm assuming again the address --24 he's got, "Discovered by: Chicago Police beat

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     number 845 Robert," that's Jason Van Dyke and
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     Officer Joe Walsh's beat number.
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                He uses the address of the
     8th District, which I did not provide him.
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     reference that he's got.
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                The telephone number is my office
     telephone number, so I'm not sure why that's in
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     there because I didn't discover the body, and I
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     don't think any of the people from Area Central
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     Bureau of Detective's Office discovered the
     body. The best I know, the people at the scene
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     that encountered Laguan McDonald were all
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     officers assigned to the 8th District.
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     "Relationship: Police officer," I'm not sure
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     what he's -- Beat 845 Robert are obviously
     police officers, but, "Relationship: Police
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     officer." I'm not sure what that's indicating.
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                Last known alive, I guess that's
     accurate because the officers saw him alive on
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     the 20th and he was pronounced deceased on the
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     sure exactly how Briggs determined that.
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1 Discover date and time, again, this 2 is supposed to be in reference to a dead body, 3 and he's got 10/20/2014, 9:56 p.m. That is the time when Jason Van Dyke and Joseph Walsh 4 encountered and confronted Laquan McDonald. 5 That is not the time -- and, again, 6 7 he was still alive attacking them with a knife at that time. So I don't know how that figures 8 9 into Briggs' thinking that that's the time for 10 the discovery of a dead body. 11 And then condition of body, multiple gunshot wounds, again, he's taking the fact that 12 Laquan McDonald was shot multiple times and 13 14 putting that in there for the condition of the 15 body. And I did tell him that McDonald had 16 17 been shot multiple times but... How about Place of 18 0. 19 Occurrence/Incident, did you provide the 20 information on that section to Investigator Briggs? 21 Yes, that would have been information 22 Α. I communicated to him except for the ZIP code of 23 24 the address of occurrence because, again, I

1 didn't know the address at that point when I was 2 calling from the scene. 3 0. Okay. So obviously he got that from some 4 other source. 5 And then Identification of Deceased? 6 Q. 7 This is a very confusing category for me personally. If you read my reports, they 8 9 document the fact that Laquan McDonald was 10 initially tentatively identified by his State of 11 Illinois ID card that he had on his person, and 12 subsequently that identification was confirmed by his fingerprints. 13 But at the time I made this 14 notification to Briggs, we were working off that 15 tentative identification. "Positive 16 Identification: Coworker, " I have no idea what 17 18 that is supposed to be indicating because there 19 was certainly no coworker of Laquan McDonald 20 that I was aware of that had any contact with 21 police. 22 Identification means fingerprints. Again, at the time I was making this 23 24 notification, I knew that as part of the

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     Laquan McDonald's remains would be
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     fingerprinted, but they had not been
     fingerprinted at this point.
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     the crime scene processing reports from the
     forensic investigators. And he was, in fact, I
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     believe, fingerprinted at the Medical Examiner's
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     the 21st when the autopsy was done.
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     him that he was identified by fingerprints at
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     narrative section, last full paragraph, "Subject
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     was positively identified by the Chicago Police
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     relate to the identification of the deceased?
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1 Report, that someone had run, I'm assuming, the 2 information off of the state ID card -- they had 3 run a name-check on him in our database and come up with possible IR number, and I could have 4 provided that to Briggs. 5 Q. Okay. 6 7 But, again, that had not -- the IR number is a distinct number assigned to every 8 9 person that the Chicago Police Department 10 arrests based on their fingerprints, and no fingerprint analysis or match or even 11 12 fingerprinting process had been completed at the time. 13 That was someone ran a name-check 14 based on the identifiers from the ID card and 15 16 came up with that IR number. And I gave that 17 to -- again, that was in my notes -- so I 18 probably did give that number to Briggs as a 19 possible IR number for --20 0. Would you have told Briggs the subject was positively identified by the Chicago 21 Police ICLEAR system during your phone call on 22 October 20th, 2014? 23

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No, absolutely not. There's two

1 issues -- and, again, this goes back to my 2 training and experience after my 34 years as a 3 Chicago police officer. 4 When you come across a dead body, whether it be a natural or criminal incident, 5 two of the very most important procedures that 6 7 the police department has to accomplish is to identify the -- positively identify the subject 8 9 and make a notification to the next of kin. 10 Identification is made either by having a family member, and not just a friend 11 who knows him for the last five years, but we 12 usually use a blood family relative to view the 13 victim and say, yeah, that's my husband, that's 14 my son, that's my daughter, you know, whatever. 15 16 That had not happened because at the 17 time of this notification, we had not made 18 contact with Laquan McDonald's family. 19 And the other more common way is --20 or second more common way, whatever you want to call it, would be through fingerprints, and I 21 just discussed, that had not even started yet. 22 Do you have any independent -- well, 23 Q. 24 independent of this document -- independent

1 recollection of what you did tell Investigator Briggs regarding McDonald's identification 2 3 during your phone call? I would have told him that, like I 4 5 just told you, we had tentative information coming off the ID card, and I would have told 6 him the same thing, someone ran him in our 7 system and came up with a possible IR number. 8 9 Q. Going back to Page 2 of the Case 10 Report, the Pronouncement section, did you 11 provide the information in that section to Investigator Briggs during your phone call on 12 October 20th, 2014? 13 "Place Deceased Pronounced," I would 14 15 have told him he was pronounced at Mount Sinai 16 Hospital. I did not specify ER because he could 17 have died in surgery. I did not know where in 18 the hospital he would have been pronounced, so I 19 did not say ER. I would tell him hospital. 20 "Method of Pronouncement: On View," I'm not quite sure what that means. 21 "Hospital: Mount Sinai Medical 22 Center, " I would have told him Mount Sinai, and 23 24 obviously I gave him the date and time.

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1 And, again, I gave him the doctor's 2 name that I have but, again, going to the 3 credibility of his attention to detail in his report and all the other inaccuracies that are 4 in here, that is not the name of the doctor with 5 the spelling that I gave him. 6 7 And I would have gave him -- some of the very most important information we give them 8 9 is the time of pronouncement and the doctor or 10 the person who pronounces. And I certainly did not -- I did give him the name that I had in my 11 12 report, but I did not give him this name. ο. And doctor --13 Now, it could be that I, in my 14 reports, through my sources, other detectives, 15 16 they have the wrong spelling and this is the 17 correct spelling. But if that's the case, then Briggs didn't get that from me. Again, he got 18 it from another source. 19 20 So, again, the information in these four pages is not entirely exclusively from me. 21 This is a summary of information he gathered 22 from a number of sources. 23

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"Fire Department on Scene," would

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1 you --2 I would have told him that Α. 3 Ambulance 21 transported the body to the hospital. 4 Okay. And then going back to the 5 Q. narrative section --6 And just by way of, again, attention 7 to detail, the bottom of Page 2 "List of Person 8 9 Interviewed, " he's got my name and title and 10 everything. Again, I don't recall giving him the office number. I'm assuming he got that off 11 a list he has. I certainly -- he did not ask 12 me, and I did not provide him with the address 13 of my office. Again, he got that from another 14 source. 15 16 In the narrative section, last full Q. 17 paragraph, second sentence, "At the time of this report, it is unknown why the citizen was 18 19 "holding the subject" since the citizen left the 20 scene and could not be interviewed." 21 Did you provide the information contained in that sentence to Investigator 22 Briggs on the night of October 20th, 2014? 23

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I don't specifically recall relaying

1	that information to him. It is possible that I
2	did and that statement is accurate, but, again,
3	I don't recall making a statement exactly in
4	that manner. But if he asked me, you know, did
5	we interview the citizen who made the original
6	call, I would have told him no because at that
7	point, we hadn't.
8	Q. Did you inform Investigator Briggs
9	that there was video of the shooting?
10	A. I don't recall if we discussed video
11	or not.
12	Q. Okay. Do you recall whether he asked
13	you if there was video of the shooting?
14	A. I don't recall.
15	Q. Generally speaking, do you recall
16	providing Investigator Briggs with any
17	information during your phone call on
18	October 20th, 2014, that is not reflected in the
19	Case Report?
20	A. It's possible, but I don't again,
21	at this late date, I don't recall.
22	Q. No specific recollection?
23	A. No, nothing that I know for certain I
24	told him that does not appear here.

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          MR. NEUMER: Time is 11:35 a.m. We're
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     going to go off the record.
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                (WHEREUPON, a recess was had.)
          MR. NEUMER: Time is 11:43 a.m. We're back
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     on the record.
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     BY MR. NEUMER:
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                Still talking about generally the
     Exhibit 5 Case Report. I wanted to ask you,
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    Detective March, if at any time at the scene of
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     the shooting on October 20th, 2014, at any time
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     at the scene, did you tell a representative from
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     FOP that McDonald lunged at Chicago Police
     Department officers?
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          MR. McKAY: Objection, that's outside your
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    Notification of Allegations. Now he's supposed
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     to defend some alleged statement to not
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     Investigator Briggs and not Officer Dora
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     Fontaine? Do you have an FOP report suggesting
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     what, if anything, Detective March may have
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     said?
                That is outside your Notification of
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     Allegations, and, as such, he should not be
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     compelled to answer that.
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          MR. NEUMER: Can we read back the question.
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1 (WHEREUPON, the record was 2 read by the reporter.) 3 MR. McKAY: That's outside these allegations your office has alleged against 4 Detective March. 5 Further, I submit, unless you have 6 7 some report prepared by an FOP representative, you have no good faith basis to ask that 8 9 question because there's nothing in Investigator 10 Briggs' report about an FOP representative at 11 the scene talking to Detective March. 12 Further, there's nothing in Officer Dora Fontaine's report, your Exhibit Number 6, 13 that suggests there was an FOP representative 14 15 talking to Detective March at the scene. 16 As a result, I ask that you strike 17 that question and move on to something else. 18 Further, you have all the reports 19 prepared by Detective March in this particular 20 case; indeed, you used several of them at his interview in April. At no time, in no place do 21 22 any of the reports generated by Detective March 23 indicate he ever interviewed an FOP 24 representative.

1	The allegations today and the
2	allegations your office made back earlier this
3	year that were the subject of the April 26th and
4	April 27th questioning, at no time do those
5	allegations indicate any false statements to any
6	FOP representative, Mr. Neumer. As such, we ask
7	that that question be stricken and we move on to
8	what other questions are relevant to these new
9	allegations you have alleged.
10	MR. NEUMER: As you know, Detective March
11	has been ordered to answer OIG's questions, so I
12	would ask that the court reporter read back the
13	question to Detective March.
14	(WHEREUPON, the previous question was
15	read by the reporter as follows:
16	"Still talking about generally the
17	Exhibit 5 Case Report. I wanted to ask
18	you, Detective March, if at any time at
19	the scene of the shooting on
20	October 20th, 2014, at any time at the
21	scene, did you tell a representative from
22	FOP that McDonald lunged at Chicago
23	Police Department officers?".)
24	MR. McKAY: Again, I object. Are you

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     suggesting, Mr. Neumer, that an FOP
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     representative and his or her statement, whether
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     written or oral, is an official report? Because
     only official reports in this matter are what
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     John Escalante wanted your office to
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     investigate. I would ask that you answer the
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     question, Mr. Neumer.
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          MR. NEUMER: The question --
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          MR. McKAY: He cannot be -- I'm sorry. I
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     mean no disrespect.
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                Detective March cannot be expected to
     defend himself by way of ambush. Where does
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     this FOP representative and some alleged
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     conversation, where does that come from? None
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     of the allegations your office has alleged.
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                What is your good faith basis as an
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     officer of the court to even ask this question,
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     Mr. Neumer?
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          MR. NEUMER: This question is relevant to
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     our investigation --
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          MR. McKAY: How so? How so? We ask you to
     show us the relevance.
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          MR. NEUMER: Jim, Detective March is under
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     order to answer our questions. I'm going to ask
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1 the court reporter to read him the question. 2 THE WITNESS: She doesn't need to reread 3 the question again. BY THE WITNESS: 4 As I said previously in regards to 5 your Exhibit 5, I do not recall ever in the past 6 7 almost two years ever characterizing or 8 describing anything that Laquan McDonald did on 9 the night of October 20th, 2014, as a lunge to 10 anyone. 11 I might add on top of that, at the scene that night, I do not remember having any 12 conversation with any representatives from FOP 13 regarding the details of what happened in this 14 incident. 15 16 BY MR. NEUMER: 17 I'm not sure if you're aware, FOP spokesperson Pat Camden described the --18 19 described McDonald's actions to the press that night as a -- that McDonald lunged at the 20 21 officers. If you know, do you know where FOP 22 spokesperson Pat Camden got that information? 23 How would I possibly know? As I just Α. 24 told you, I don't remember having any

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     conversation with any representative of FOP.
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     And I can tell you specifically Pat Camden --
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     and I know who he is -- I did not have any
     conversation with him at all that night.
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     mean, this is America and -- in spite of the
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     conduct of the Inspector General's Office, this
     is America and people have a right of free
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     speech. Pat Camden can say anything he wants.
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                I have no control over that, I have
     no idea what prompted him to say that, and I
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     certainly, if he received information to that
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     effect, I have no idea where it came from.
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                Okay. And it didn't come from you --
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          Q.
          MR. McKAY: I would reiterate, Mr. Neumer,
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     John Escalante's letter we have talked about at
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     length clearly states whether any officers made
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     false statements on official reports submitted
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     in connection with the shooting of Laquan
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     McDonald on October 20th, 2014.
                To suggest Pat Camden's statement to
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     the press is an official report is absurd.
     Agreed or not?
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                And are we going to ask Detective
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1 March about media reports, whether it's 2 television or print media? That is ridiculous, 3 especially in light of all the false information provided by the media in this case. You going 4 to put them through this type of a sworn 5 statement? I'd love to be asking them some 6 7 questions under oath. 8 But, be that as it may, Detective 9 March has answered your question. Whatever Pat 10 Camden said to the media is not relevant to what 11 John Escalante is asking your office to do. 12 Thank you. BY MR. NEUMER: 13 So, Detective March --14 Q. I'd just like to interject. Just 15 16 before this exchange, I believe your last 17 comment was that you are not saying that I made 18 a statement like that to Pat Camden? And I 19 would -- you said we're not saying that you made 20 that statement to Pat Camden, but I would say on the record that the clear implication of your 21 last question to me is that I am the source of 22 23 that statement. 24 ο. I'm asking you whether --

1 Α. Right --2 Q. -- whether you --3 -- your implication -- because Α. there's no allegation but you're on your little 4 fishing expedition and you're accusing me by 5 6 implication by that question that I am the source of that statement, and clearly I am not. 7 8 Q. Okay. 9 Α. As you just admitted that you knew 10 before you asked the question. 11 Q. I don't quite follow but okay. At this time I am going to ask my 12 colleague if she has any cleanup questions with 13 respect to the ME Case Report. 14 BY MS. WITZBURG: 15 16 Just very briefly, Detective, on Q. 17 Page 1 there's a phone number under the 18 Notification section and a phone number under 19 the Discovered section. Those are both 312-747 20 exchange numbers. Are those both numbers for Area Central? 21 Oh, no. I'm sorry. I misspoke. The 22 Α. number under the Discovered looks like -- it's 23 24 not -- just looking at it quickly, I thought it

1 was my office number. It's not. It probably is 2 a number for the 8th District, which is the 3 address right above it. Okay. So the 8380, is that the Area 4 Central? 5 That is my office number. 6 Α. 7 Does that phone -- is that specific Q. to you, that exchange --8 9 Α. No, that's --10 Q. -- is that the Detective Division 11 number? 12 That's the entire office on the Α. second floor. 13 Okay. And 8730 is not an Area 14 Q. Central number? 15 Correct. Not that I know of. I 16 believe it's the 8th District. I don't know for 17 18 certain. 19 Okay. Thank you. Q. 20 MS. WITZBURG: That's it. 21 MR. NEUMER: Okay. BY THE WITNESS: 22 23 I would just like to, since we didn't 24 go there, make a couple other observations.

1 Page 4 that we didn't deal with. 2 BY MR. NEUMER: 3 Q. Okay. Near the top there it says there's an 4 entry of "Temperature of Environment: 5 52 degrees Fahrenheit". There is no way that I 6 7 told Investigator Briggs that the temperature at the scene that night was 52 degrees. 8 Again, he obviously went to some 9 10 internet source or something, some weather site 11 and found -- you know, just looked up the 12 temperature. Because I can see how that would be relevant to the Office of the Medical 13 Examiner, but that certainly didn't come from me 14 as you're suggesting everything else in this 15 16 report is from me. 17 And then a short way under that entry, there's an entry for "Photographs Taken 18 19 on Scene" and it says, "False." 20 Again, not being familiar with all of the workings of the Medical Examiner's Office, I 21 22 have no idea what that is indicating. And if that is supposed to be Briggs indicating that I 23 24 told him that photographs taken at the scene is

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     false, that is a false representation because at
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     the time of the notification that I made this
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     notification, I don't believe photographs had
     been taken, but the crime lab, the Forensic
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     Services personnel were on the scene in the
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    process of processing the scene, which included
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     not just photographs but also video.
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                So that is an inaccurate entry. And,
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     again, it just goes to the credibility of using
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     this report to say that I said anything exactly
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     in the words that he used.
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          Q.
     take Exhibit 5 back and put Exhibit 6, the
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     Original Case Incident Report in front of you.
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                (WHEREUPON, the document was
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                tendered to the witness.)
     BY MR. NEUMER:
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                And who completes an Original Case
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          Q.
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     Incident Report?
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          Α.
                Well, it can potentially be any
     member of -- any sworn member of the Chicago
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     Police Department.
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                I believe even with all the
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     civilianization we've gone through, I believe
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1	it's still sworn members only that are and
2	maybe I'm wrong, but still to the best of my
3	knowledge, it's only sworn officers that can
4	actually initiate or create an Original Case
5	Incident Report. So in the case of this
6	incident, it would have been whichever officer
7	was assigned to do that task to perform that
8	task.
9	Q. Is it generally officers that
10	complete the Case Incident Reports as opposed to
11	detectives?
12	A. The vast majority of times, but there
13	are times when a detective will create an
14	original report.
15	Q. When would a detective create an
16	Original Case Incident Report?
17	A. In an incident where he becomes aware
18	of the crime and just his dealing with it.
19	So, you know, rather than calling to have a beat
20	car assigned and tying them up
21	Q. Sure.
22	A and the detective, the detective
23	will just, you know, save some resources and
24	just create the original report themselves.

1 **Q.** Got you. And so what's the review 2 chain for a Case Incident Report? 3 Α. The member who prepares the report, it's all computerized now. We have a system 4 that's called AIRA -- I believe it's 5 A-I-R-A -- which is for creating original 6 computerized incident reports. Officers can do 7 that in the mobile PDTs -- I don't know if 8 9 that's police data terminal -- that they have in 10 the cars, or they can do it on any computer in the police facility. But, as I said, no longer 11 do we write -- hand-write reports out by hand; 12 it's all done on computer. 13 And so there's a number of screens 14 that the officer will go through and enter the 15 16 information that's requested. They enter -- I 17 should specify that they enter the information 18 that they have or are aware of at that time. 19 All of these are usually what is 20 called as preliminary investigations. When the investigation is just starting, the civilian, if 21 22 you will, is just initially reporting it to the police, so sometimes the officer making --23 24 initiating the report doesn't have all of the

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1 facts or may be given wrong information by the 2 people they're talking to. 3 But it's basically that officer goes through the different screens and enters the 4 information that is requested to the best of 5 6 their knowledge. And after the officer or, in certain 7 instances detective, completes the Case Incident 8 9 Report, who next reviews that report? 10 Α. Once the officer has entered all the information and they're satisfied that they have 11 12 everything the way they want it on the report, on one of the screens, there's a "Submit" 13 button. When they click on that button, it is 14 15 then considered submitted. 16 In fact, if you were to look at the 17 system in more detail, a report that has not been submitted yet, somewhere near the top of 18 19 the report, it will say, "Preliminary" because 20 it has not been submitted. That report is basically nothing; it's just a report in 21 22 progress. 23 Once it is submitted, then if you

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were to print the report up then, it would say

1 somewhere near the top, "Submitted." And then a 2 supervisor, normally it's a sergeant, would 3 review the report and approve it. Once the sergeant reviews the report 4 and is in agreement with it or whatever and 5 6 decides he's ready to approve it, there's a screen in his computer that he clicks on the 7 "Approved" button. At that time, the report 8 becomes approved, and, again, if you were to 9 10 print a copy of the report after that, it would say, "Approved" somewhere near the top of the 11 12 report. Yep. Yep. Okay. Does the detective 13 Q. assigned to a case generally look at the case 14 incident report before it's finalized? 15 16 No, the vast majority of criminal 17 incidents that are reported by, you know, patrol 18 personnel, there is no detective on the scene. 19 It's a civilian reporting a crime to the 20 officer. The officer enters his information, submits the report. His sergeant approves it or 21 22 a sergeant will review and approve it. 23 And then subsequent to that, it will 24 be assigned to a detective. And then that's

1 like normally the first opportunity the detective has to even know the report exists, 2 3 much less read it and review it. So generally speaking, the Case --4 the Original Case Incident Report is approved 5 and finalized before a detective even gets 6 7 assigned? 8 Α. Correct. 9 Q. Who prepared this Exhibit 6 Original 10 Case Incident Report? 11 MR. McKAY: Objection to speculation unless 12 he knows. BY THE WITNESS: 13 14 I can only speak -- again, I wasn't present when this report was created and 15 16 submitted in the computer system. I can only go 17 by the computer entries on the last page of this 18 report, but it -- I know that Dora Fontaine was 19 at the scene, I know that she was one of the 20 officers assigned to the car that was assigned to do the original report, and it says reporting 21 officer is Dora Fontaine. 22 23 So it was either Dora Fontaine or 24 someone logged into the computer system as Dora

1	Fontaine. That's the only thing I can say for
2	certain.
3	Q. Okay.
4	A. It probably was Dora Fontaine.
5	Q. Did you direct Officer Fontaine to
6	complete this Case Incident Report?
7	A. No, her sergeant did. One of the
8	8th District sergeants assigned their car or her
9	car to, you know, be the quote/unquote paper car
10	to create the Original Case Incident Report.
11	Q. Did you speak I know based on
12	our interviews in April, I know you spoke to
13	Officer Fontaine at the scene of the shooting
14	regarding what she had witnessed. Putting those
15	conversations aside, did you speak to
16	Officer Fontaine at the scene of the shooting
17	regarding her completion of this Original Case
18	Incident Report?
19	A. I believe I just checked with her
20	what classification she was going to use, what
21	address, date and time of occurrence.
22	And then obviously, as we've already
23	spoken about, I made the notification to the
24	Medical Examiner's Office so I gave her

1 Investigator Briggs' name and badge number to --2 because technically the notification 3 responsibility is the beat car, so I did that for them and gave her the information so it 4 could be entered on the report. 5 Okay. And so just to -- just for the 6 7 record, what was the information you provided, the --8 9 Α. I told her I notified the Medical 10 Examiner's Office and here's the name of the 11 investigator and here's his number. Oh, okay. Okay. Is --12 Q. Which she apparently entered on the 13 report because it is in there and I didn't enter 14 15 it. Did you provide Officer Fontaine with 16 Q. 17 any of the other information that is contained 18 in this Exhibit 6 report? 19 Α. No. 20 0. Do you know where she would have gotten the information in this report that lists 21 Officer Gaffney, Officer Van Dyke, and Officer 22 23 Walsh as victims? 24 Either from talking to those

1 individual officers or from someone else who had 2 spoken to the officers. 3 0. Okay. She did not get that information regarding the victims from you? 4 MR. McKAY: Objection, asked and answered. 5 BY THE WITNESS: 6 I believe I -- in our previous 7 interview from April, I -- there was a question 8 9 as to, you know, how this classification, 10 whatever -- I think we had a conversation about 11 who would be listed as a victim -- as victims on this report, and so obviously -- I don't know if 12 Dora Fontaine was part of the conversation I was 13 involved in. 14 15 Most of my conversations were with 16 supervisors, and I don't recall if Dora Fontaine 17 was there or not. But it was decided that we 18 would list three victims, Officers Gaffney, 19 Van Dyke, and Walsh. 20 0. Right, but you don't have a specific recollection of telling Officer Fontaine, "You 21 should list these three individuals as victims 22 in your Original Case Incident Report"? 23 2.4 Α. No, I don't recall that.

1	Q. Were you responsible for approving
2	this Original Case Incident Report?
3	A. Absolutely not. As a detective, I
4	have no authority to go into the computer system
5	and approve anyone's report. Only a sergeant
6	and above can do that.
7	Q. Let me back up, actually. In the
8	Injuries section on Page 1, it says, "Injury
9	info, PO Van Dyke, Number 12865, Jason - victim"
10	and then underneath that it says, "Injured by
11	offender."
12	Did you direct Officer Fontaine to
13	include that, "Injured by offender" language in
14	the report?
15	A. No.
16	Q. Do you have any knowledge as to why
17	Officer Fontaine included that language in the
18	report?
19	A. I can only speculate as to why that
20	entry is in the report. The most likely reason
21	that I can think of is that, again, as I
22	explained, she was on the computer dealing with
23	different computer screens.
24	And for this I know that for this,

"Injured by offender" entry, it's just a -- I 1 2 believe they call it a radio button in computer 3 terminology, but it's just a button you click on if that's the entry you want on the report. 4 My best guess would be that somehow 5 she clicked on that button by accident because 6 at no time did Jason Van Dyke tell me that he 7 was injured, at no time did anyone else tell me 8 9 that Jason Van Dyke or that anyone else was 10 injured during this incident besides Laquan 11 McDonald. 12 And I don't know if maybe Dora Fontaine thought he was or someone told her that 13 he was, but I tend to believe that this was more 14 of an accident because here's the thing: When 15 an officer intentionally -- if they have a 16 17 victim who is injured and they are intentionally 18 clicking on that button to indicate that the 19 victim was injured by the offender, there are 20 then some subsequent drop-down menus that are normally -- a choice is made to also make an 21 22 entry. So in that case, let's say if this 23 24 was -- Van Dyke was injured, you would have the

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     entry, "injured by offender." It would then
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     say, "nature of injury" and a drop-down menu --
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     some of the -- not all of the selections,
     but -- this is not an inclusive list, but
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     some of the -- and, again, these are all
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     computer choices. These are not the words of an
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     officer entering it.
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                Some of the entries and selections --
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     or possible selections in the drop-down menu are
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     gunshot wound, stab wound, blunt force trauma,
     abrasion, bruising, along those lines.
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                And then there's another drop-down
     menu for the weapon used or instrument used to
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     inflict the injury. Is it a firearm, is it a
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     knife, is it a blunt instrument, is it hands if
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     someone is punching someone.
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                So, again, my feeling or my
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     interpretation of this is, if that was an
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     intentional entry by Dora Fontaine, I would
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     expect there to see the entries from the
     subsequent drop-down menus here. And those are
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     not here, so that makes me think more likely
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     than not, this was -- you know, I'm sure -- I
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1 point in time clicked on the wrong button on the 2 computer and gotten a result that they didn't 3 want, and I think that's what happened here. I might also add that most of the 4 entries from this Original Case Report, once it 5 is approved, when I create a report subsequent 6 to that, the report -- what I'm starting with is 7 not a blank report. I'm starting with the 8 9 information populated from this report. And 10 then it's up to me to create -- to correct any errors and to update any information if I learn 11 12 something that's different from what the beat officer had in their report. 13 And I can tell you from looking at my 14 reports, nowhere in my reports does this injury 15 16 section appear at all. 17 Q. Okay. And I don't specifically remember 18 19 doing this, but when I created a report, I go 20 through all the screens to make sure the information is accurate as far as what I know, 21 and if that box "injured by offender" had been 22 checked, I obviously unchecked it because in my 23

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reports, this does not appear.

Q. I got you. Did you review this
Exhibit 6 report before it was finalized?
A. No.
Q. Do you
A. And there's no I might also add
that there is no evidence anywhere that I had
anything to do with the drafting or the
reviewing or the approval of this report.
Q. Do you recall when you first saw this
Exhibit 6 report?
A. Sometime the following morning after
it was approved, I believe.
Q. Your name on Page 4 bottom of
Page 4 in the Personnel section, your name and
PC number are listed, along with the date of
well, I should ask you, is that your PC number
next your name at the bottom of Page 4?
A. Yes.
Q. And then a date and time is next
to that PC number is October 21st, 2014, 15:01.
What does that time signify?
A. Well, again, Mr. McKay alluded to
this at the beginning of this proceeding when he
said John Escalante would never have made the

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     allegations that I am now facing regarding this
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     report because if you just look at this report,
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     it logically tells you what happened here.
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     this page is that Dora Fontaine submitted the
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     report on 21 October 2014 at 0432 hours, which
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     is 4:32 a.m. That is the time the computer
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     assigns. She didn't pick that time; that is the
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     time the computer assigns when she clicks the
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     "Submit" button.
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                The next time chronologically is the
     top -- the top line here, Sergeant Stephen
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     Franko, it's got his approval time at 21 October
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     2014 at 0518 hours, that's 5:18 a.m.
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     again, not a time chosen by Sergeant Franko.
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     When he clicks -- when he goes in there as a
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     supervisor and clicks on the "Approval" button,
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     that time is assigned by the computer.
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                And, again, First Deputy
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     Superintendent John Escalante would know these
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     things.
                My name is on the middle line there,
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     and it says -- my name is associated with a time
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     of 21 October 2014 at 1501 hours, which is
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1 3:01 p.m. on that same day. So it's almost --2 it's getting close -- it's about ten hours after 3 Sergeant Franko approved the report. And, again, First Deputy 4 Superintendent Escalante would know that Dora 5 Fontaine's entry is in regards to when she 6 submitted the report; Sergeant Franko's name is 7 in regards to the time he approved the report; 8 9 my name is the time at which a supervisor or a 10 detective assigned to the Area Case Management 11 Office went into the computer system and 12 administrative -- knew that I was the assigned detective and went into the system and 13 administratively assigned the job -- this 14 15 incident to me on 21 October 2014 at 1501 hours. 16 Again, that's the time it was 17 administratively assigned to me. It was 18 actually assigned to me many hours earlier on 19 the night of the 20th by Sergeant Gallagher 20 verbally in person, but it didn't make it into the computer obviously until all these steps 21 22 occurred. 23 And, again, First Deputy Superintendent John Escalante would know all 24

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     this and, therefore, never would have made these
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     allegations, two of which -- not just one, two
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     of which I'm looking at regarding this one
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     report.
          MR. NEUMER: At this time I'm going to turn
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     it over to my colleague for follow-up questions.
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          MS. WITZBURG: Thanks.
     BY MS. WITZBURG:
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          Q.
                Detective, you mentioned that there
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     was a conversation on the scene having to do
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    with who would be designated as a victim; is
     that right?
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          Α.
                Correct.
                Tell us a little bit more about that
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     conversation. Who else --
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          MR. McKAY: Objection, this has been asked
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     and answered in April. You were here, Peter,
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     Kris Brown was here, with all due respect to
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     Ms. Witzburg, she was not. That's why she
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     doesn't know about that conversation. You do.
                That's not the purpose of this second
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     interview is to do a do-over of the first
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     interview, so I'm objecting to these questions.
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                And I ask that Ms. Witzburg move on
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1 to questions that are related to yours pursuant 2 to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. She can 3 ask follow-up questions of your questioning, not do a discovery deposition of something she may 4 not have personal knowledge of because she was 5 not present for the April interviews. 6 MR. NEUMER: I mean, I think the question 7 is reasonable and I would just ask the court 8 9 reporter to read it back to Mr. -- Detective 10 March. 11 (WHEREUPON, the record was read by the reporter.) 12 BY THE WITNESS: 13 14 Maybe you could repeat the -- ask me what you want to know. 15 16 BY MS. WITZBURG: 17 Q. Who participated in that 18 conversation? 19 I do not recall all of the parties. 20 I know obviously myself was part of it. I believe Sergeant Gallagher was part of it, and 21 ultimately I know Deputy Chief David McNaughton, 22 23 who was the on-call incident commander, the 24 highest-ranking department member on the scene

1 in charge of the entire scene, he ultimately 2 weighed in on it. 3 0. Okay. And do you know which person who had participated in that conversation gave 4 the information to Officer Fontaine as to who to 5 designate as victims in that report? 6 I don't recall how that information 7 got communicated to her. 8 9 Q. Do you recall if it was you? 10 No, I don't recall. 11 Okay. So it could have been but Q. you're not sure? 12 MR. McKAY: Objection, asked and answered. 13 I also ask the record reflect that 14 15 this questioning, in my mind, is violating Subsection C of Section 6.2 of the Collective 16 17 Bargaining Agreement which clearly mandates that 18 if there is a second interviewer, that second 19 interviewer will ask follow-up questions for 20 clarification purposes only. She cannot or he cannot conduct questioning of a witness during a 21 second interview after it had already been gone 22 into during the first interview several months 23 24 ago.

1 BY MS. WITZBURG: 2 Q. Detective March, you told us you 3 first saw this report, I believe you said, sometime the following day, sometime on 4 October 21st; is that right? 5 Sometime that morning. 6 Α. 7 Okay. Generally speaking, when you're assigned to an investigation, when you 8 9 review the Original Case Incident Report, if you 10 discover something that you consider to be an 11 error in that report, what steps would you take? As I just -- I think I just went into 12 Α. that. When I go in to create my subsequent 13 reports, if there's any information that's 14 inaccurate, I correct it. 15 If there's additional information 16 that the officer didn't have at the time that I 17 18 now have, I add that and update the -- I update 19 everything to the most accurate information that 20 I have available to me. 21 Q. Understood. To ensure the accuracy 22 of your subsequent reports, correct? 23 Α. Correct. 24 Q. Would you take any steps as far as

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1 correcting the original report itself or noting 2 anywhere that that report contained an error? 3 Α. No, for integrity of the report, once 4 the report is approved by a sergeant, it cannot be changed. That is the original report. Any 5 subsequent reports that need to -- have updated 6 information, you create that information in the 7 8 updated reports. 9 Like I said, in this case, I don't 10 specifically remember that, but it makes sense -- I mean, it would most likely be that 11 this obviously does appear, this entry about 12 Van Dyke being injured by offender obviously 13 does appear in the approved version of her 14 15 report. So, again, I don't specifically 16 17 recall this, but it should have carried over and 18 populated my report when I created my report in 19 the computer, and then when I went through all 20 the screens to make sure the information was accurate and update new information that I had, 21 I -- again, that information is not in my 22 report, so, again, I don't specifically recall 23

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taking this action, but I probably unchecked

1 that button so that my report was accurate as 2 far as what the facts were as I knew them. 3 0. Okay. And did you record anywhere your impression that the original report 4 contained this inaccurate fact? 5 No, and there's no requirement that I 6 7 do that. Thanks. 8 Q. 9 MR. McKAY: I would object to that question 10 because that's not alleged by the Office of 11 Inspector General in the Notification of 12 Allegations. 13 He is being asked about either reviewing and approving her report or assisting 14 in the drafting. There is no allegation that 15 16 he's under some duty to correct a report he did 17 not prepare nor did he approve. 18 MR. NEUMER: The time is 12:17 p.m. We're 19 going to go off the record. 20 (WHEREUPON, a recess was had.) MR. NEUMER: Time is 12:20 p.m. We're back 21 on the record. 22 23 BY MR. NEUMER: Q. 24 Detective March, we have no further

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     questions for you today; however, understanding
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     the nature of our investigation, if there's any
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     other information you think is -- we should
     know, now is your opportunity to provide that
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     information on the record.
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          MR. McKAY: Well, can I ask you a question,
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     Peter? You made -- your office, I should say,
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     made four allegations, three of which are
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     somewhat specific, the fourth one is just an
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     overall allegation based on the first three.
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    Detective March whether he admits or denies your
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     allegations?
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          MR. NEUMER: I mean, I think the -- I think
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    his answers have specifically addressed each of
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     the Notice of Allegations. If there's anything
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     he would like to say regarding allegations one
     through four, the floor is yours.
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          MR. McKAY: All right. If I may?
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                         EXAMINATION
     BY MR. McKAY:
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                Detective March, drawing your
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     attention to the Office of Inspector General's
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     Exhibit 3, number one, on October 21st, 2014,
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1 did you review and approve an Original Case 2 Incident Report, which includes an event number 3 of 1429315878 and an RD number of HX475653, even though it falsely stated that Officer Jason 4 Van Dyke was "injured by offender"? 5 My response to the allegation is the 6 allegation is entirely false. I have no 7 8 authority to review and approve anyone's 9 Original Case Incident Report, and in this case, 10 I did not review and approve the Original Case Incident Report. 11 Directing your attention to 12 Q. allegation number two of the Inspector General's 13 Exhibit 3. 14 On or about October 20th, 2014, or 15 16 October 21st, 2014, did you assist in the 17 drafting of the OCIR which falsely stated that 18 Officer Jason Van Dyke was "injured by 19 offender"? 20 Α. No, I did not assist in the drafting of that report, especially regarding the point 21 at which it states that Officer Van Dyke was, 22 "injured by offender." 23 24 Q. In fact, sir, in all of the reports

1 that you did create, whether they were 2 supplemental reports or GPRs of witness interviews, did you at any time indicate that 3 Officer Jason Van Dyke was injured by Laquan 4 McDonald? 5 No, never. 6 Α. 7 Regarding allegation number three of 8 Inspector General's Exhibit Number 3, did you, 9 on or about October 20th, 2014, make a false 10 statement to Investigator Earl Briggs of the 11 Cook County Office of the Medical Examiner when, 12 with respect to the McDonald shooting, where Briggs wrote down, "McDonald lunged at the 13 Chicago police officers assigned to Beat 845R 14 with a knife," what do you say about that 15 16 allegation? 17 MR. NEUMER: Just for the record, Jim, can you note that you added some additional language 18 19 to the allegation number three in your recital 20 of it. MR. McKAY: Well, I will only because you 21 22 and your office stated Detective March stated to Briggs that McDonald lunged at Chicago police 23 24 officers. It's Detective March's position he

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     didn't state that at all to anybody.
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     BY MR. McKAY:
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          Q.
                So I would ask, Detective March, how
     do you respond to allegation number three of the
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     Inspector General's Exhibit Number 3 as they
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    have specifically alleged?
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                The allegation is entirely false. I
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     never made a false statement to Investigator
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     Briggs especially to the point where it's
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     alleged here that I said that -- or that I
     stated that McDonald lunged at Chicago police
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     officers assigned to Beat 845 Robert with a
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                I might also add that has been well
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     documented now in our review of that report,
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     there is a vast array of information contained
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     in that report that no way could have possibly
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     come from me at the time that I made that
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     notification from the scene.
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                So obviously that report is a summary
     of a lot of information that Investigator Briggs
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     obtained from a number of different sources,
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     and, as I already detailed in our discussion of
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     that report, it is not a summary of information
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1 he obtained exclusively from me. 2 I also might add, again as to the 3 credibility of his report being used for any allegations against me and his attention to 4 detail to record facts, the most glaring of 5 which he's got the incident occurring on the 6 wrong date, which does not appear to me to be a 7 typographical error where he just got one number 8 9 wrong; he got both numbers wrong on the date, 10 the first and the second number. So it doesn't appear to be just a simple typo to me. 11 12 Again, so it goes to the credibility of that report being used as a -- regarding his 13 attention to detail and that being used as a 14 factual basis for any allegations against me. 15 16 I also might add that there was 17 absolutely no motive for me to misrepresent Laquan McDonald's action during the 18 19 confrontation with Jason Van Dyke because right 20 from the beginning, I told Investigator Briggs this was a police officer-involved shooting 21 where the offender had been shot and killed. 22 And I told him that the subject, Laquan 23 24 McDonald, had been struck multiple times by

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1 qunshot wounds. 2 So there is no way using the word 3 "lunged" as opposed to any other word would have made a difference to the Medical Examiner's 4 Office. It was very clear that night at the 5 scene before the Medical Examiner's Office ever 6 got the body that their ultimate finding was 7 going to be that the cause and manner of death 8 9 would be multiple gunshot wounds, homicide. 10 The only question left was whether or not Jason Van Dyke's use of deadly force was 11 justified or not, and the Medical Examiner's 12 Office does not weigh in on that. All they do 13 is make the determination that the cause of 14 death is multiple gunshot wounds, because 15 16 there's more than one gunshot wound -- and the 17 manner of death is homicide. 18 And in the terms that the Medical 19 Examiner's Office uses, all that indicates was 20 that this person was killed by another person, not by a car crash or anything else. Whether or 21 not it was a crime or a justifiable homicide or 22 an accident, the Medical Examiner's Office 23

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doesn't make that determination. That is

1 determined through all of the subsequent 2 investigation that was -- is conducted. 3 So the portrayal of Laquan McDonald's actions in a preliminary notification to the 4 Office of the Medical Examiner would have had 5 no -- absolutely no bearing on their findings in 6 7 this matter. And so, therefore, I think, again, 8 9 that's consistent with me, again, knowing about 10 the importance of details of the elements of a crime and knowing in almost two years of talking 11 12 about this case, in writing, in verbally, in front of different authorities, I never -- have 13 never used the word, "lunge" or, "lunged" to 14 characterize what Laquan McDonald did that 15 16 night. And I wouldn't have used it as 17 18 quoting of any of my witnesses because none of 19 the witnesses I spoke to ever used the word, 20 "lunge." And, again, as I already said, when I viewed the video, what I viewed I never 21 22 characterized as a lunge. 23 So, again, I believe what's in 24 Investigator Briggs' report in addition to his

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1 inaccuracies are his words, using his words, he 2 summarized all of the information he gathered 3 that night. In your preparation of your official Q. reports in this case, did you ever use the words 5 or the phrase that Laquan McDonald lunged at 6 Chicago police officers? 7 Α. 8 No. 9 Q. Finally, regarding allegation 10 number four in Exhibit Number 3 of the Office of 11 Inspector General, which alleges that you were 12 incompetent in the performance of your duties in the ways enumerated in allegations one through 13 three, how do you respond? 14 15 I find it very, very -- I find Α. 16 allegation number four maybe the most offensive 17 allegation that I am facing regarding this investigation, and here's why: My mother and 18 19 father did a wonderful job raising five 20 children, okay? They taught me the importance of being a conscientious student in school and a 21 conscientious employee in the workforce, the 22 23 importance to showing to work on time, giving

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your best effort to anything that you do, okay?

1 I, over 34 years of employment with 2 the Chicago Police Department -- and no one in 3 the Inspector General's Office probably has any idea, but within the organization of the Chicago 4 Police Department, I have a reputation for being 5 very complete, very thorough, very professional, 6 7 and very competent, okay? And I'm not using these words just 8 9 because I have a Donald Trump ego, okay? People 10 have told me that. Supervisors have told me that. Prosecutors in the State's Attorney's 11 Office of Cook County have told me. 12 I've dealt with law enforcement 13 agencies at the federal level, state level, 14 county level, city level, other municipalities, 15 16 and never once -- and you can check my 17 disciplinary record -- has anyone ever made any 18 kind of indication that my work is anything but 19 complete, thorough, professional, and competent. 20 And I find this allegation, as I said, the most reprehensible and offensive of 21 22 anything that I encountered so far during the course of this investigation. And I would just 23 24 caution the Inspector General's Office, who

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     likes to use these words very generously, to be
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     careful in their terminology because the words
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     they're using during the course of this
     investigation could very well come back and used
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     to judge their competence and professionalism
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     and thoroughness and completeness.
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                In addition to that, Detective March,
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     is there anything you wish to add to what you
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    have already testified under oath to?
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          Α.
                No.
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          MR. McKAY: Thank you, Mr. Neumer.
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          MR. NEUMER: The time is 12:31, and this
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     interview is concluded.
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                concluded at 12:31 p.m.)
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David March	Detective	20563	610

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NOTIFICATION OF ALLEGATIONS

CITY OF CHICAGO OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

NAME OF ACCUSED	RANK	STAR NO.	UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT
David March	Detective	20563	610

City ordinance, and if applicable, collective bargaining agreements, provide that you are entitled to notice of the nature of the allegations against you and the identity of all complainants prior to any interview. Accordingly, you are advised as follows:

COMPLAINANT(S)

1. John J. Escalante, Interim Superintendent of Chicago Police Department, sent a letter to the City of Chicago Office of Inspector General (OIG) dated January 13, 2016, requesting that OIG conduct an administrative investigation of the following allegations arising out of the October 20, 2014 shooting death of Laquan McDonald (the McDonald Shooting): "whether any officer(s) made false statements on official reports submitted in connection with the shooting of Laquan McDonald on October 20, 2014; whether any officer(s) obstructed or interfered with the investigation of this incident, either individually or in collusion with others; and whether any officer(s) committed any violation of Chicago Police Department rules, policies, or orders in connection with their response and/or handling of this matter." Escalante attached to the letter a copy of Sergeant S. Soria's (Star # 2275) Initiation Report, which raises similar allegations of misconduct with respect to Department members in connection with the McDonald Shooting, and identified that Report as a basis for OIG's administrative investigation.

ALLEGATION (S)

- On October 21, 2014, you reviewed and approved an Original Case Incident Report, which includes an Event Number of 1429315878 and an R.D. Number of HX475653 (the OCIR), even though it falsely stated that Officer Jason Van Dyke was "Injured by offender."
- On or about October 20, 2014 or October 21, 2014, you assisted in the drafting of the OCIR, which falsely stated that Officer Jason Van Dyke was "Injured by offender."
- 3. On or about October 20, 2014, you made a false statement to Investigator Earl Briggs of Cook County's Office of the Medical Examiner when, with respect to the McDonald shooting, you stated that McDonald lunged at Chicago Police Officers assigned to Beat 845R with a knife.
- 4. You were incompetent in the performance of your duties in the ways enumerated in allegations 1 through 3.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby acknowledge receipt in writing of the identity of the complainant(s) and notice of the nature of the allegation(s) against me.

Signature		Date 2 Jul 2016

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Printed Name Andrew Stewart \$1759	Time
WITNESSES	



RECEIPT FORM

OIG FILE NO.	15-0564		
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Medical Examiner Investigations Case Report ME2014-01071

Companion Case to:

Case Type: Forensic Institute

Initial Impression: GSW / Police Involved Shooting

Decedent / Subject

Deceased Name: Laquan McDonald

Deceased DOB:

Deceased Gender / Race / Age: Male / Black / 17 Y

Deceased Home Address & County:

County: Cook County

Deceased Phone: Unknown
Social Security: 000-00-0000

Notification

Date: 10/20/2014

Time: 11:51:59 PM

Name: Detective March

Title: Detective

Star: 20563

Telephone Number: 312-747-8380

Agency or Institution making notification: Chicago Police Department

Beat: 5121

Police Report #: HX475653

Discovered

Discovered by: Chicago Police Beat # 845R

Address: 3420 W. 63rd Street, Chicago, IL 60629

Phone: 312-747-8730

Title:

Police Officer

Relationship: Police Officer

Last known alive: 10/20/2014

Discovered Date/Time: 10/20/2014 9:56:00 PM



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Medical Examiner Investigations Case Report ME2014-01071

CPR performed: N/A

Condition of body: Multiple GSW

Place of Occurrence / Incident

Address where ORIGINAL Incident occurred: 4112 S. Pulaski Chicago, IL 60632

County of Occurrence: Cook County

Type of Premises: STREET

Time of occurrence: 9:56:00 PM

Date: 10/20/2014

Identification of Deceased:

Positive Identification: Coworker Identification Means: Fingerprints

Additional ID Info: ICLEAR Chicago IR # 2106340

<u>Pronouncement</u>

Place deceased pronounced: Hospital ER

Method of Pronouncement: On View

Hospital: MOUNT SINAI MEDICAL CENTER

Date and Time: 10/20/2014 10:42:00 PM

Pronounced by: Dr. Titeel

Fire Department on Scene: Chicago Fire Dept # 21

List of Person Interviewed

Name / Relationship or title / Address / Phone Number:

Name / Nelationship of title / Address / Phone Number.

Detective March Police Detective

Officer Chicago, IL 60609

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5101 S. Wentworth,

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312-747-8380

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Next of Kin

Next of Kin Name: Unknown Kin

Contact Info: Unknown

Next of Kin notified:

Next of kin unknown

Narrative

On 20 October 2014 at 2351 hours Detective March # 20563 of the Chicago Police Department Area Central Detectives Beat # 5121 notified the Forensic Institute the subject Laquan McDonald had expired at Mt. Sinai Hospital after being shot by an on duty Chicago Police Officer.

Detective March related the following; on or about 2156 hours 19 October 2014 Chicago Police 8th District Beat Car 815R responded to 41st and Kildare in reference to a "Citizen Holding a Subject". Upon arrival Beat # 815R was confronted by the subject who threatened the officers with a 4 inch fold knife. The subject fled the scene on foot where at 4112 S. Pulaski the subject was stopped by officers assigned to Beat # 845R. The officers announced their office as "Chicago Police Officers" and ordered the subject to drop the knife. The subject lunged at the officers with the knife. Fearing for their life and attempting to stop the threat one officer (star # 9465) fired sixteen rounds from his duty weapon a Smith & Wesson 9mm handgun striking the subject numerous times. After striking the subject an ambulance was requested by the officers.

Upon arrival of Chicago Fire Department Ambulance # 21 the subject was transported to Mt. Sinai Hospital. Once at Mt. Sinai Hospital emergency room staff were unable to revive the subject and the subject expired at 2242 hours being pronounced by Doctor Titeel. It appears that the subject sustained the following gunshot wounds, four to the chest, six to the right arm, five to the left arm, one to the rightside torso, two to the back, one to the right hip, two to the left leg front, two to the left leg rear, 2 to the left thigh and three to the right thigh. At this time since the officer fired sixteen times which of the twenty-six gunshot wounds are entrance or exit wounds.

At the time of this incident both officers assigned to Beat # 845R and 815R were in full Chicago Police Department uniform.

The subject was ordered along with all police reports, medical records which included admission blood which was drawn to the Forensic Institute for further examination.

Subject was positively identified by the Chicago Police ICLEAR system based on a prior Chicago Police Booking Number IR2106340. At the time of this report it is unknown why the citizen was "Holding the Subject" since the citizen left the scene and could not be interviewed.

Subject's next of kin has not been notified

Pertinent Information

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Medical Examiner Investigations Case Report <u>ME2014-01071</u>

Scene:				
RI Date/Time leaving	for scene from offic	e:		
RI Arrival on scene -	time:			
RI Departure from sco	ene - time:			
RI arrival at Institute:				
Point of contact: De	tective March # 2056	3		
Temperature of Environment	onment: 52 Degree	Fahrenheit		
Medications/Drugs or	scene:			
<u>Drug Name</u>	<u>Pharmacy</u> <u>Physician Name</u> <u>Phone No</u>	Rx No Rx Date Dosage Name on Bottle	Number Issued Number Left	Note
Photographs taken or	scene: False			•
	Me	dical History		
General Medical Histo	ry: N/A			
Attending Physician:	N/A			
Last Contact with phys	sician: Unknown			
End of Report				
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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ORIGINAL CASE INCIDENT REPORT

3510 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60653 (For use by Chicago Police Department Personnel Only) CPD-11,388(6/03)-C)

RD #: HX475653

EVENT #: 1429315878

Case ID:

9825613 CASR229

ASSIGNED TO FIELD

INCIDENT

OFFENDER

8

INJURIES

0552 - Assault - Aggravated Po:Knife/Cut Instr

Location:

Occurrence 4000 S Karlov Ave Chicago IL

304 - Street

Beat: 0815

Demographics

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Male

Unit Assigned: 0841R

RO Arrival Date: 20 October 2014 21:57

Age:

Age:

Age:

In Custody

17 years

Suspected of Using: Weapon

DOB:

Age:

Birth Place: IL

Offenders: 1

41 Years

36 Years

45 Years

Occurrence Date: 20 October 2014 21:56

VICTIM - Individual

Name: PO. GAFFNEY #19958

Thomas

Res: 3420 W 63rd St

Chicago IL.

Beat: 0823

Beat: 5100

Sobriety: Sober

VICTIM - Individual

Name: PO. VAN DYKE #12865,

Jason

Res: 3420 W 63rd St

Chicago IL

Beat: 0823

Beat: 5100

Sobriety: Sober

VICTIM - Individual

Name: PO. WALSH #12865,

Joseph

Res: 3420 W 63rd St

Chicago IL

Beat: 0823

Beat: 5100

Sobriety: Sober

Injury Info (PO. VAN DYKE #12865, Jason - Victim)

EXHIBIT

Injured by offender

Suspect #1

Res:

Chicago II.

Name: MCDONALD, Lequan J

Beat: 0314

Male

Black

6'01,

185 lbs

Demographics

Brown Eyes

Brown Hair Dreadlocks Hair Style

Dark Complexion

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RD #: HX475653

RELATIONSHIP

VEHICLE

Injury Info Pronounced Date: 20 October 2014 22:42 Injury Extent: Fatal **CFD First Aid** Removed By: Yes Ambulance 21 Given? Responding SUSPEC Ambulance 21 Hospital: Mt. Sinai Removed Date: 20-OCT-14 Unit: Physician: Dr. Pitzel Weapon Used Type Handgun Gun Shot Wound

RELATIONSHIP (Offender) (Victim) PO. GAFFNEY #19958, Thomas MCDONALD, Lequan,J No Relationship of is a (Offender) (Victim) PO. VAN DYKE #12865, Jason MCDONALD, Lequan,J is a No Relationship of (Victim) (Offender) PO. WALSH #12865, Joseph MCDONALD, Lequan,J No Relationship of is a

DOMESTIC INFO Vehicle #1

Vehicle: Chevrolet - Tahoe - Truck Damaged? Yes Owner: City Of Chicago PO. GAFFNEY Possessor/User: Style: Hardtop, 4-Door Damaged Descr: Tire(S)-Flat,

Front #19958, THOMAS Windshield Scratched

Color-Top/Bottom: White/White Theft From? No Towed? No

Burned? No

License Plate #: Mp6581 - Illinois - Law Destroyed? No Enforcement (City,

Expires: 01-December-2014 Recovered? No Stolen? No

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Vehicle Identifiers: Police Squad Car

Chicago Police Department - Incident Report

RD #: HX475653

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EVENT# 15878 REFER TO DETECTIVE DIVISION SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT. NOTIFICATION: WATCH COMMANDER OF UNIT LT, KOCH Beat#: Star#: 715 Emp#: Date: 20-OCT-2014 Time: 2250 NOT NOTIFICATION: STATION SUPERVISOR COMISKEY Beat#: Star#: 1774 Emp#; Date: 21-OCT-2014 Time: 2250 NOT NOTIFICATION: SERGEANT STEPHEN FRANKO Beat#: 0810R Star#: 1381 Emp#: Date: 21-OCT-2014 Time: 2158 ONS ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 10590 NAME: RICARDO VIRAMONTES BEAT: 0841R REPORTING OFFICER - STAR#: 19958 NAME: THOMAS GAFFNEY BEAT: 0815R REPORTING OFFICER - STAR#: 18715 NAME: JOSEPH MCELLIGOTT BEAT: 0815R ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 12865 NAME: JOSEPH WALSH BEAT: 0845R ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 9465 NAME: JASON VAN DYKE BEAT: 0845R ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 4364 NAME: JANET MONDRAGON BEAT: 0813R ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 2763 NAME: DAPHNE SEBASTIAN BEAT: 0813R ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 6442 NAME: TERENCE BRADY BEAT: 0811R ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 7025 NAME: MICHAEL BELMONTEZ BEAT: 0811R ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 10385 NAME: LETICIA VELEZ BEAT: 0822 ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 15790 NAME: ARTURO BECERRA BEAT: 0822 ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 9654 NAME: RAUL ROSALES JR BEAT: 0821R ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 8302 NAME: PATRICK KENNING BEAT: 0821R SUPERVISOR ON SCENE - STAR#: 1320 NAME: BRYAN SPREYNE BEAT: 0865 SUPERVISOR ON SCENE - STAR#: 1381 NAME: STEPHEN FRANKO BEAT: 0810R ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 12392 NAME: DAVID IVANKOVICH BEAT: 0823R ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 19898 NAME: JOSE TORRES BEAT: 0823R ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 11830 NAME: ANTHONY VANCE BEAT: 0833R ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 16422 NAME: JAMES GEISBUSH BEAT: 0833R ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 6490 NAME: LUIS GARCIA BEAT: 0851R ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 12037 NAME: ELLIOT FLAGG BEAT: 0851R SUPERVISOR ON SCENE - STAR#: 1734 NAME: PETER MC GLYNN BEAT: 0830R OTHER SUPPORT - STAR#: 20453 NAME; JOHN HALLORAN BEAT: 5131 OTHER SUPPORT - STAR#: 21128 NAME: JOHN MURRAY BEAT: 5131 OTHER SUPPORT - STAR#: 20563 NAME: DAVID MARCH BEAT; 5121 OTHER SUPPORT - STAR#: 21285 NAME: GREGORY JONES BEAT: 5122 OTHER SUPPORT - STAR#: 20606 NAME: RICHARD HAGEN BEAT: 5165 OTHER SUPPORT - STAR#: 529 NAME: OSVALDO VALDEZ BÈAT: 5105 OTHER SUPPORT - STAR#; 62 NAME: EUGENE ROY BEAT: 5100 OTHER SUPPORT - STAR#: 10201 NAME: CARL BRASIC BEAT: 5802 OTHER SUPPORT - STAR#: 8825 NAME: KAMAL JUDEH BEAT: 5802 OTHER SUPPORT - STAR#: 819 NAME: DAVID FRIEL BEAT: 5880 OTHER SUPPORT - STAR#: 20201 NAME: MATTHEW RICKHER BEAT: 5885 OTHER SUPPORT - STAR#: 1303 NAME: DANIEL GALLAGHER BEAT: 5120 ASSISTING OFFICER - STAR#: 20555 NAME: ROBERTO GARCIA BEAT: 5122 - STAR#: 120 NAME: DAVID MC NAUGHTON BEAT: 41 - STAR#: 13 NAME: JAMES O DONNELL BEAT: 0800 - STAR#: 107 NAME: DENNIS WALSH BEAT: 0890 - STAR#: 14193 NAME: MAHMOUD HALEEM BEAT: 0865B - STAR#: 13516 NAME: IVAN LOPEZ BEAT: 0865B - STAR#: 10333 NAME: PATRICK KENAH BEAT: 0865C - STAR#: 14393 NAME: ANDRES ZEPEDA BEAT; 0865C - STAR#: 13882 NAME: ROBERT SHULTZ BEAT: 0865C

		Star No	Emp No	Name	User	Date	Unit	Beat
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